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Rescue Fest makes a splash in Porthcawl



A Newfoundlander (and handler) dive in on a rescue mission. (Photo by Steve Jones/Porthcawl RNLI).

AS if Saturday's excellent Porthcawl Carnival was not enough for one weekend, visitors to the town on Sunday flocked to the harbour area for Rescue Fest 2018.

The event, organised by just three RNLI volunteer crew to support Wales' 'Year of the Sea' saw the town's Cosy Corner, slipway and breakwater area full of various rescue organisations stands and equipment.

With brilliant weather, the event, which centred on Porthcawl's RNLI lifeboat station, attracted thousands of visitors to the area. Among those organisations scheduled to appear at

Rescue Fest 2018 were The Mumbles Tamar class RNLI Lifeboat, Coastguard Helicopter 187, Porthcawl and Llantwit Major Coastguard units, South Wales Police, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, Welsh Ambulance Service, Welsh Ambulance Service HART Team, Welsh Urban Search & Rescue Team, Western Beacons Mountain Rescue Team, Surf Life Saving Wales, St John's Ambulance, Porthcawl National Coastwatch Institute, Porthcawl Sea Cadets, Margam Model Boat Club, and Welsh Newfoundlander Activity Group - Dog Rescue Demonstration.

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Photograph by Glyn Evans

Council reveals that green food bags are burnt before they can biodegrade

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) is to look into the environmental and financial costs of replacing its biodegradable food waste bags with plastic ones.

If the council does decide to switch to the cheaper single-use plastic bags, it would follow the lead of Swansea

Council, which introduced them earlier this year.

Officers say while it goes against everything currently being published in the press about avoiding single-use plastics the council could save between £35,000 and £70,000 if it did use them.

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'Who ordered the lobster?' It was a great day at Porthcawl Carnival. See more pictures on pages 2, 9, 13 and 25.



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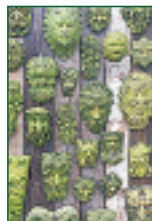
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THERE was general agreement that this year's Porthcawl Carnival was 'back to the good old days' – with a great turnout of floats and walkers. – including an 'army' of Suffragettes!

(See more photos on pages 9, 13 and 25).



HIGH TIDE TIMES

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The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

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30 Mon	08.54	9.3	21.12	9.4
31 Tues	09.27	9.3	21.44	9.3
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02 Thur	10.33	9.0	22.53	8.9

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Woodland Trust joins campaign opposing Brackla housing plan

HOUSING development plans near ancient woodland in Bridgend would cause significant damage to an important habitat, a charity has warned.

The Woodland Trust, which has formally objected to the outline planning application of three detached homes and garages on Briary Wood, Briary Way, Brackla, is now supporting a campaign

started by local residents. The site forms part of the locally-designated 'Tremains' Site of Importance for Nature Conservation and is also registered as Ancient Semi Natural Woodland with the trees subject to Tree Preservation Orders (TPO).

A tree survey submitted by Clay Williams Associates as part of the application recommends the felling of 23 trees with tree management work being undertaken on

nine more. The report states the trees, which are mainly Ash, are "largely poor specimens" and "potentially dangerous" due to their location on a steep embankment.

Rory Francis, campaigns manager for the Woodland Trust in Wales, said: "We are extremely concerned about the development proposed near Briary Wood, which is one of the small areas of ancient woodland remaining in Wales."

"Planning policy in

Wales demands that ancient woodland should be protected from development that would cause significant damage.

"This development would do so, due to the noise, light and dust pollution and the fragmentation of this important habitat."

"That's why we have formally objected to the plan."

"We would urge anyone else living locally with similar concerns to do likewise and we support local

residents in their campaign to protect this wood."

Keith Hughes – who has lived in the local area for 30 years and started the Save Briary Wood petition on inyourarea.co.uk – said residents were "up in arms" about the plans.

He said the woods were a "key link" in the healthy biodiversity of the surrounding woods and they had "outstanding public amenity value".

The application – P/18/381/OUT – has been submitted by Vale Planning which is also the agent.

A period of consultation during which members of the

public were allowed to make representations closed on July 3.

A decision is expected to be made by planning officers within the next eight weeks.

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

BCBC appoints senior officer

A new head of democratic services has started at Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC).

Greg Lane has taken over from Gary Jones who left at the end of June to go to Cardiff council.

Mr Lane was previously the head of governance services at Hackney Council in London.

The functions of the head of democratic services involve providing support and advice to the authority in relation to its meetings and promoting the role of the authority's overview and scrutiny committees.

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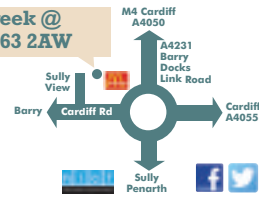
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One thing is for sure... Tremains has talent!



Sophie Kelly, Amelia Griffiths, Ella Fredericks (winner) and Molly Lester

TREMAINS Primary School have had an exciting few weeks preparing and rehearsing for one of the highlights of their school calendar: 'Tremains Has Talent'.

The school recently held their 'Tremains Has Talent' evening where the children, staff and families of the school enjoyed fantastic entertainment and friendly competition when children from year-2 to year-6 competed for medals and trophies.

Emma Morgan and Rachel Kingston are the teachers at the school who organise the talent show and Mrs Kingston said: "It does take a lot of organisation but it is always well worth it. There is a genuine atmosphere of excitement on the evening."

"The children involved are so enthusiastic and supportive of each other. Our talented finalists were nervous but put on a great show and our year 6-comperes and the stage crew made sure that the show ran smoothly," said Mrs Morgan.

Past pupil and previous talent show winner, Donya Jandaghi opened the show with a lively street dance solo and then the acts competing ranged from young comedians to dancers, gymnasts, musicians and singers.

The finalists competing for medals and trophies were: Amelia Griffiths, Sophie Kelly, Molly Lester, Ella Fredericks, Serena Crocombe, Ruby Griffiths, Tegan Thomas, Kaitlyn Farmer, Meda Dundulyte, Charly Webb, Libby Coombes, Eden Jones, Brooke Llewellyn, Jasmine Wilkes, Chloe Roblin, Lexi Weaver, Megan Morgan, William Jones, Katie Blower,

Charlotte Coss, Katelyn Crocombe, Ffion Howe, Summer Griffiths, Evan Logan, Charlie Kay, Finlay Curran, Abigail Parkin.

The stage crew and comperes, made up of year-6 pupils, did a great job helping the show to run smoothly. The comperes were: Ffion Cawley, Alexis Cheeseman, Sophie Griffiths, Kaci Hampton, Kimberly Lewis, Lakesha Pitman, Ethan Richards, Millie Wade, Hannah Williams, Kayla Williams.

The stage crew were: Molly Brown, Ellie Evans, Carys Llewellyn, Freya Patrick, Nathan Redden, Emily Thomas.

Everyone put on a great show and with the difficult job of choosing the winners were guest judges, Denise Ralph and Kirsty Jones.

The winners on the night were singer Ella Fredericks, gymnasts Serena Crocombe, Ruby Griffiths and Tegan Thomas, group dancers Libby Coombes, Eden Jones, Brooke Llewellyn and Jasmine Wilkes and solo dancer Megan Morgan.

The overall star performance of the night was awarded to year-6 pupil, Abigail Parkin for singing and playing her ukulele.

This was headteacher Mrs Todd's first experience of Tremains Has Talent. She commented that it had been 'a fantastic evening' and that she was 'a very proud headteacher'.

The children, staff and parents at Tremains Primary are looking forward to future 'Tremains Has Talent' events where the talent at the school can be showcased and the school community can enjoy further evenings of entertainment.



The comperes, stage crew and finalists.



The year 3 and 4 finalists.

Council keen to be part of UK's 'clean energy revolution'

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) will be part of a consortium bidding for a share of £40m worth of central Government funding to develop ways of decarbonising the local area's energy usage.

The Government has created a 'Prospering from the Energy Revolution Programme' that will allocate the funding to three innovative projects it selects from across the UK.

Among those aiming for selection is a Bridgend county borough consortium which is being led by Cenin Renewables, a company based at Parc Stormy near Porthcawl.

The full details of their proposal for revolutionising local town centre and

energy are being kept under wraps as they are subject to commercial confidentiality.

However, the general intention is for the Cenin Renewables site to use its power generation capability locally and demonstrate how this could be integrated digitally with a proposed heat network for Bridgend town centre.

Cabinet members from BCBC gave their backing to the local authority joining the consortium to combine public and private sector expertise.

Cllr Richard Young, cabinet member for communities, said: "We are very keen to be part of this consortium as it links in with other clean energy projects which are already underway, such as our proposal for a heat network."

"This would start by connecting public buildings in Bridgend town centre and

eventually join up with dense residential areas such as Brackla, as well as dozens of schools and other public buildings.

"We're currently working on securing funding for that particular scheme."

Cllr Young added: "The government's long term aim is to make clean technologies that cost less than high carbon alternatives, and for UK businesses to take the lead in supplying them to global markets. We want Bridgend county borough to be involved in this energy revolution."

"While it is too early to reveal the full scale of the consortium's proposals, I am extremely excited that what is being planned can deliver significant environmental benefits by reducing carbon emissions, contributing to our long-term goal of 'de-carbonising' Bridgend County Borough by 2050." LS



Year 5 and 6 finalists (from left to right, back row): Abigail Parkin (overall winner and star performance), Charlie Kay, Finlay Curran, William Jones, Evan Logan, Megan Morgan, Chloe Roblin. Middle row: Katelyn Crocombe, Katie Blower. Front row: Ffion Howe, Charlotte Coss and Summer Griffiths.

BCBC pleads for no more cuts as position is 'critical'

SENIOR councillors at Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) are calling for an end to further funding cuts, warning the local authority has reached a "critical point" and will soon have to make decisions previously thought "unthinkable".

In a full council meeting on July 18 cabinet members said if financial pressures were not relieved the council would be forced to consider cutting "precious services" affecting education, social services, leisure and the economy.

- These include:
- Closing libraries and community centres.
 - Closing leisure centres and swimming pools.
 - Ending full-time nursery education for three-year-olds.
 - Closing daycare services for frail older people and adults with significant learning disabilities.
 - Closing Bridgend bus station.
 - Removing school crossing patrols.
 - Reducing budgets of primary, secondary and special schools.
 - Removing all local bus subsidies.
 - Reducing litter-picking and road-sweeping in town centres.
 - Reducing support for economic development.

It appears to mark the start of a campaign to say "enough is enough" to both the Welsh Government and the UK Government.

At the meeting council leader Huw David urged all councillors to write to their Assembly Members, whatever their political party, to request a cross-party consensus in the assembly towards supporting local public services.

He said: "In each and every council chamber in Wales councillors are asking whether vital services can continue to be delivered in the face of continuing cuts and the answer is the same – further cuts are not sustainable.

"That's why we have been saying to colleagues in both UK and Welsh Government that the projected reduction in our revenue support grant next year is not sustainable – we cannot continue to provide the services we are at the moment if we have a one per cent reduction.

"Additional funds need to be invested in social services, schools, housing, parks, arts and culture – all the areas which keep our communities together.

"We are making the case now – I'm sure it's a view that's shared across the chamber."

He added: "You can spend as much money as

you like on the NHS but unless you protect the services that we provide the NHS is not sustainable in the future."

Cllr David had some support from Cllr Norah Clarke of the independent alliance group. She said: "I was in the meeting where budgets were discussed and I had to concur with everything that was said.

"It is absolutely necessary that Welsh Government wake up and smell the coffee. If and when salaries are increased for teachers, for instance, it can have a huge impact on the financial situation.

"The Welsh Government passes down functions to local authorities but the money never comes with it.

"Everything is starting to really tighten regarding finances and as I've mentioned, town and community councils are taking on more responsibility, more staff to cope and, of course, that means the council's budget has to increase and the residents are having to foot that bill."

However, the leader of the Conservatives on BCBC, Cllr Tom Giffard, had no time for BCBC's position. He said: "I'm sick and tired of the council blaming a lack of funds for failing to do basic jobs in our communities.

"We need a council that isn't afraid to empower people to do rather than continually blaming austerity for the things it can't do."

"The financial picture is the same across the country, yet it seems to be Bridgend county borough residents who continually get the poor end of the deal with a shoddy bin collection system and some of the highest council tax rates in Wales."

The cabinet member for social services, Cllr Phil White highlighted financial pressures involving statutory salary increases which were "another unfunded pressure on local government".

He said: "At Bridgend council we have one of the leanest senior management structures in Wales with just three directors and a chief executive officer.

"Our experienced, dedicated workforce is by far our greatest asset with staff cost at around 75 per cent of total budget.

"Increases in salaries have a huge impact on running the council; inflationary pressures also impact on the services we commission from our partners.

"We have calculated that an extra £7m will be required to meet pay and demographic changes in 2019-20 alone.

"This is before any announcements on teachers' pay for 2018-19 which media reports are suggesting could be as high as 3.5 per cent."

In a letter sent on Wednesday to the Minister for Children, Older People and Social Care, and AM for Ogmore, Huw Irranca-Davies, the deputy council leader and cabinet member for finance Hywel Williams said: "Since 2014-15 BCBC's budget reductions have totalled almost £42m.

"Current assumptions indicate a further £30m of reductions by 2022-23 with £10m of savings to be made in 2019-20 alone.

"Alongside these financial constraints there are many new responsibilities for local authorities to consider.

"While I am very supportive and proud of the legislative programme being developed by the Labour-led Welsh Government the programme undoubtedly has incurred extra pressure on local authorities, who are heavily depended upon, to deliver the Welsh Labour ambition of a better, fairer, more prosperous Wales.

"I believe that BCBC has reached a critical point where further reductions in funding will have a detrimental impact on residents' lives and put at risk the good progress we have made."

In the letter, Cllr Williams states that almost half of the county's schools are currently in a deficit position and draws attention to the extreme financial pressure on social services due to "unprecedented demand".

And he asks for support as ministers consider budget allocations this autumn in protecting funding for "crucial public services" in Bridgend.

He writes: "To be able to continue to deliver the Welsh Labour ambition of a prosperous Wales, the decline in local government funding needs to stop.

"Many studies report early intervention has the greatest return and education and social services are at the forefront of early intervention.

"As a minimum councils need a settlement in line with inflation and if we are to protect social workers and classroom assistants any 'nationally-agreed pay award' should be fully funded.

"We would still have to make budget reductions to meet the pressures of rising demand but at least we will be able to protect some of these precious preventative services."

Labour councillor Martyn Jones said there needed to be a cross-party agreement that the council could not possibly go on with extra cuts,

adding: "There comes a time when full council needs to understand and accept the predicament we find ourselves in."

A Welsh Government spokesman said: "We are all having to work against a backdrop of 'austerity' as a result of years of successive and severe cuts in funding from the UK Government.

"Despite this, we have taken action to protect local authorities in Wales and have also ensured that no local authority will have to manage on a reduction of more than 0.5 per cent this year.

"The Cabinet Secretary has impressed upon local authorities the need to prepare for the tougher times and harder choices that lay ahead and that they should take account of all the resources available to them."

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KEEP Wales Tidy has unveiled this year's Green Flag Award winners, with eight parks and green spaces from across Bridgend county borough recognised for their high standards.

The full Green Flag Award has been achieved by Maesteg Welfare Park, Wilderness Lake in Porthcawl, Coychurch Crematorium, Bryngarw Country Park and Glanrhyd Hospital.

Meanwhile, Caerau Market Garden, Badgers Brook Allotment and the Wilderness Allotment Association have all received a Green Flag Community Award for their efforts towards maintaining top quality green spaces.

The Green Flag Award is a UK-wide partnership, delivered in Wales by Keep Wales Tidy and supported by Natural Resource Wales. Contenders are judged across eight different specifications, including cleanliness, community involvement, and sustainability.

Cllr Richard Young, BCBC's cabinet member for communities, said: "I would like to congratulate all of the



Representatives of the Wilderness and Badgers Brook Allotments with their green flags.

winners who can proudly fly green flags at their sites. The two awards deservedly recognise the efforts and dedication of council employees and community volunteers that goes into maintaining well looked-after green spaces.

"A special mention must go to Coychurch Crematorium which has achieved the full award for a ninth consecutive year. Staff work extremely hard to maintain the tranquil grounds there."

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Food waste bags now a burning issue for BCBC

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In a report which went before councillors on July 23, Zak Shell, BCBC's head of neighbouring services, said: "[At this time] this is of relevance to the authority as a move from a degradable sack to a single-use plastic sack potentially offers a saving with seemingly minimal environmental impact."

The idea was discussed during a meeting looking at what the council could do to help the county become 'plastic free'.

Mr Shell told the meeting the current compostable degradable sacks used for food waste were not left to degrade but were instead burnt to produce energy.

He said: "The bags are effectively pulled out of the process and sent off as waste which is incinerated and turned into energy."

"With plastic bags, there will be some elements of plastic that goes through the process – it means microscopic amounts of plastic can end up in the fertiliser produced from the anaerobic digestion of food waste."

He added: "In the waste to energy process, plastic is incinerated so there isn't any plastic left."

"If the plastic bags were made from recycled plastic that would certainly lessen

the environmental impact of it."

Councillors agreed to ask officers for more details in understanding the environmental benefits of using biodegradable bags over single use plastic bags to dispose of food waste.

In his report on the topic, Mr Shell said the move away from single use plastics was "complex" and would involve, for example, wheelie bins having to be introduced to the county at a cost of around £1 million.

He said this had previously been discounted and while it would help in making a saving on ongoing sack purchases, it would increase collection costs and probably not be suitable for terraced houses.

Other steps being considered as a result of the council meeting on the topic of becoming a plastic free county include:

- Installing a water fountain in Bridgend indoor market for people to refill their water bottles.

- Appointing an 'environmental champion' at the council

- Adopting a few "easy steps" to become plastic free such as not using bottled water, not using plastic straws and buying loose products rather than packaged ones.

- Communicate more

regularly to residents what can and cannot be recycled at the kerbside and recycling centres, such as black plastic which cannot be recycled at kerbside but can be recycled at recycling centres.

- Look at the costs for introducing the recycling of sanitary products

- Introduce recycling bins in town centres.

- Asking local businesses to reduce plastic waste and expanded polystyrene.

- Encourage local businesses to provide water for free to people looking to refill their bottles.

- Promote the Surfers against Sewage movement which looks for community leaders to lead the plastic free movement locally.

- No longer supply free rubbish sacks leaving residents to purchase their own

- Introduce a reverse vending machine. The council is to wait and see what the results are first of a national review being carried out into a plastic bottle deposit scheme

Councillors disagreed over the exact involvement of local businesses, with some saying it would help footfall in businesses if people went in for free water refills and others warning of those on a water meter and the financial implications.

Cllr Norah Clarke said: "With people walking into businesses to fill up their bottles

and others going in to use their toilets – because that is what we are suggesting as a local authority – traders are going to end up paying for it."

"I think that's totally unfair on businesses."

The discussion on the proposal of a 'plastic free Bridgend County' took place at the subject overview and scrutiny committee on July 23.

It followed a motion put forward by the Plaid Cymru group at a council meeting in April to support the initiative.

On advice from cabinet member Cllr Young, Cllr Tim Thomas withdrew the motion in favour of sending it to the scrutiny committee for consideration.

The cabinet member for communities, Cllr Richard Young, said: "As a council we are looking at what can be done now as well as in the medium and long-term."

"This is not going to be done overnight."

"We are in some very dangerous waters when it comes to our financial settlements and there is no budget for this."

"I'm not ruling anything out or in. I will look at the recommendations along with the rest of cabinet and we will come back to work out a strategy with the help of councillors."

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

Legal experts bake up a storm for Y Bont charity



The CJCH Solicitors showed off their baking talents.

LEGAL experts across south Wales have unleashed their inner Mary Berry to raise vital funds to support children with disabilities in Bridgend.

Solicitors from CJCH Solicitors in Cardiff, Barry, Bridgend and Blackwood have been baking up a storm across all four offices to generate funds for the Y Bont charity.

The centre, based in the grounds of Heronsbridge School, offers support to families and children with disabilities across Bridgend, providing a 'one-stop' multi-agency resource including information, practical, social and emotional support.

To raise money for the cause, solicitors from CJCH, which has named Y Bont as its charity of the year, held numerous cake sales on Wednesday, July 18.

Thanks to their baking skills, £593 was raised through donations, which has

been matched by the firm for a total of £1,186 to help support the Bridgend charity.

Senior partner at CJCH Solicitors, Jacqui Seal, said it was a privilege to be able to support such a worthwhile local cause. She said: "Y Bont is such a fantastic charity which makes such a difference to the lives of families and children with disabilities in Bridgend and the surrounding areas."

"Our team really showed off their baking skills on the day, and I'm sure a few of them could give the Mary Berry a run for her money!"

"I would like to thank them for taking part in this charitable event, which underlines our commitment to the communities we are proud to serve."

CJCH Solicitors, has supported the local centre for the past year after committing to make the school for children with disabilities their sole charity focus for the next few years.

So far, CJCH has raised funds for the

school through selling raffle tickets, taking collections in the receptions of all their offices, supporting charity events and now hosting four simultaneous afternoon tea events across their south Wales practices.

Bridgend Quiz League teasers

HERE are this week's teasers from the Bridgend Quiz League:

1. What is the name of the nerve agent much in the news recently?
2. Which Welsh rugby player announced his retirement from the game last week?
3. Which 1975 film, set in Australia, has been

made into a TV series starring Natalie Dormer? If anyone is interested in joining the League, visit bridgendquiz.com for details.

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1. Novichok.
2. Sam Warburton.
3. Picnic at Hanging Rock.

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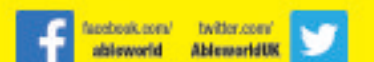
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Rescue Fest is a big hit



Crowds packed the harbour area. (Photo by Steve Jones/Porthcawl RNLI).

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The Wave radio station provided live coverage from Porthcawl during the day. RNLI displays were provided by both Porthcawl's lifeboats and The Mumbles all-weather lifeboat. There was water safety advice and free lifejacket checks offered too.

The event opened at 10.30am, with a packed programme right through until after 4pm.

Particularly popular with the spectators were the Newfoundland dogs. They delighted the watching audience with their ability to rescue multiple 'casualties' from the water.

Organisers Chris Page, Chris Missen and Sam Williams, crew members at Porthcawl said: "The event idea came to us earlier this year and following many hours of preparation, we are delighted to see how successful the day was. "Comments on Facebook have been very positive and we are aware already of supporters from London, Sunderland and Powys, saying they watched the event via our webcam.

"Unfortunately the helicopter exercise was cancelled at the last minute as it had been tasked to an incident at the Gower.

"We are so grateful to all those who gave their time to put on our Rescue Fest 2018 and to those who helped by sponsoring us in different ways'.



The RNLI out in force. (Photo by Steve Jones/Porthcawl RNLI).



The Newfoundlands relaxed after their water rescues, and had plenty of visitors! (Photo by Philip Irwin).

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CAERAU CELEBRATES BIG LUNCH SUCCESS



THE 'Big Lunch' event at Caerau Development Trust (CDT) was funded by Invest Local Caerau to bring communities closer together by inviting the people of Caerau to an event at which free activities and food were supplied.

It turned out to be very successful and more than 200 people attended.

Chris Davies, the director of CDT said: "Thanks must go to 'Invest Local Caerau' for providing the funds for this event and also to Grahame Dawe and his fantastic staff of volunteers for all the hard work done to hold this event.

"Thanks also go to the Caerau Men's Shed boys for their hard work and assistance."

CLOSING A VERY EVENTFUL TERM IN PARLIAMENT

AS Parliament closes its doors for another summer recess, I have time to reflect on what has been one of the most eventful few weeks in my, admittedly short, parliamentary career.

Talks of an agreed Brexit deal were followed by mass resignation in the cabinet which then caused the Government to be in sixes and sevens over the "unified Brexit position".

It has felt as though that Theresa May was in office, she certainly was not in power.

Theresa May's, now essentially defunct, Brexit proposals have been shambolic. I have not seen a capitulation like it. The likes of Rees-Mogg and Boris have thrown everything into chaos. We currently don't have anything like a deal and only a maximum of eight months to negotiate it.

If it weren't one of the most serious issues facing this country since the War, it would almost be funny.

We're now looking down a barrel of a no-



by CHRIS ELMORE, MP for Ogmore

deal Brexit or a hard Brexit – both would leave the country in a very dangerous position. While I respect the vote to leave, no-one voted for economic instability and a capitulating Government on the brink of implosion.

Away from the bizarre world of Brexit, other very important things have been discussed over the past few weeks – many may have seen my Facebook page. I've discussed with ministers what their industrial strategy to ensure jobs of secured industries, like Bridgend Ford, are protected in the future.

It is vital that the Westminster Government work with the Welsh Government

to protect these vital jobs not just in our area, but across Wales.

I have also raised my concerns over the lack of funding to our police force. It was suggested by the Police Chief Council that rural police officers should be armed to tackle funding shortfalls of our armed response unit.

I think that adequately funding our trained armed response units would be far more practical and, more importantly, safer.

Those are just two examples of where Parliament isn't necessarily all Brexit at the moment. Although it is very difficult to avoid the sideshow of Brexit, admittedly.

I am looking forward to recess where I can spend more time visiting and supporting community projects around Ogmore.

If you have a community project you would like me to look around or give advice on, please get in touch. I will be having surgeries all over the constituency, email me at chris.elmore.mp@parliament.uk or call my office on 01656 860 034.



RLE Law raised money by taking part in the Will Aid scheme.

Charities benefit from law firm's 'will aid' efforts

A LAW firm is celebrating after raising £1,225 for charity as a result of taking part in the annual Will Aid will writing drive.

RLE Law solicitors, based in Bridgend and Treorchy, raised the money by giving up their time in November to write wills for local people in return for a voluntary donation to Will Aid.

This is the eighth year the Bridgend branch and the seventh year for the Treorchy branch have taken part in the scheme and they have raised a total of £11,755.

Samantha Abbott said: "Our team has thoroughly enjoyed participating in Will Aid and have worked very hard. It is a great way of generating a link with new clients. We would recommend that other law firms get involved."

Will Aid has raised more than £20

million for charity since it launched 30 years ago.

James Tarleton, chair of Will Aid said: "We are very grateful to the solicitors and all who used the scheme, for their generous contribution.

"The nine partner charities use donations and legacies from will makers to reach people in crisis, both here in the UK and all around the world.

"As well as providing the suggested donation, many people who make their wills through Will Aid, use this opportunity to provide support to their favourite charities through a gift in their wills. These legacies make a great difference and we are very thankful for those who choose to support our work in this way."

The suggested donation for a basic Will Aid will is £95 for a single will and £150 for a pair of mirror wills. For more information about how to sign up, visit www.willaid.org.uk/solicitors.

Porthcawl celebrates a great carnival day with a parade and all the fun of the fair

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THIS year's Porthcawl Carnival, organised by the Buckaneers, was blessed with fine weather, and the crowds responded.

Streets were packed for the traditional procession, and the crowds had plenty to enjoy as the floats passed by.

Meanwhile, as the photo (foot of page) shows, the carnival field at Porthcawl Rugby Club was packed!



See more photographs by
Norman Norris on page 25



Cardiff Airport unveils its ambitious masterplan with new terminal and hotel

CARDIFF Airport set out ambitious plans to develop the business as a key gateway to the UK over the next 20 years at a launch event held last week.

The 'Draft Masterplan' was launched by Carwyn Jones, First Minister of Wales, Ken Skates, the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport, Roger Lewis, Airport Chairman and Deb Barber, Airport CEO.

The airport says the masterplan sets out the airport's aspirations to be "an outstanding capital city airport connecting Wales to the world and the world to Wales" while delivering an exceptional customer experience.

It aims to grow from its current level of 1.5 million passengers a year to over three million. The

airport says facilities must meet the needs of increased passenger numbers and the expectations of the modern traveller.

The masterplan's main points are:

International gateway: To build on the airport's efficient, safe and secure 24/7 operation; deliver greater capacity to grow to three million passengers a year and beyond; attract new airlines and secure new routes; diversify the airport to create and develop opportunities for aviation, cargo, education, technology and innovation.

A unique place: Create a public realm for the community to enjoy; excite customers before they fly and those arriving to Wales; link businesses across the airport campus,

supporting the region and enterprise zone; support education with a place to learn and innovate.

New terminal: enhance the airport's unique identity as the gateway to Wales, creating a memorable first and last impression; ensure ease of access for all; enhance its customer experience with best in class facilities, including SMART technology; develop the airport's 'green' credentials to meet environmental and social commitments.

New four-star hotel: Develop the first on site hotel; offer more choice in local accommodation for customers; offer business meeting and conference facilities; provide a convenient base for visitors to explore the region.

New transport hub and car park: Offer greater travel choice for customers, the community and the airport team; offer an improved integrated transport facility; develop a new multi storey car park close to the terminal building; and offer new services to enhance the customer experience.

Carwyn Jones commented: "These improvements are ambitious yet achievable and will enable the airport to continue its development of further aviation links to the rest of the UK, Europe and beyond which will improve its competitiveness and attractiveness as a gateway to international

travel and trade.

"We look forward to working with the team at Cardiff Airport to deliver these exciting developments."

Roger Lewis, Chairman, Cardiff Airport, said: "2018 has been a transformational year for Cardiff Airport and for Wales as we've already welcomed over nine per cent more passengers to the airport and more inbound visitors to the country than ever before.

"We have always been ambitious with our plans and this draft masterplan continues to show the confidence we have in our business and in the region."

Deb Barber, CEO, Cardiff Airport, added: "We have ambitious plans for growth which can only be achieved if we enhance our infrastructure and create a five-star airport experience for customers that's efficient, modern and enjoyable."

Cardiff Airport is asking for feedback on the draft masterplan by September 14, 2018. A final masterplan will then be launched in autumn 2018. To submit your views, go to: <https://www.cardiff-airport.com/masterplan2040/>.

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Shiekana is looking for a quiet home with experienced owners who are used to the breed. Unfortunately, she is unable to live with cats or small furies.

She can live with children 14 years old and above who are used to dogs. Once Shiekana has settled in her new home, her personality will start to shine through.

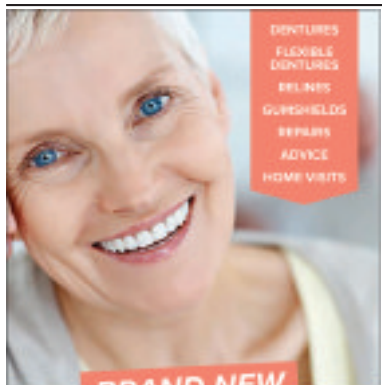
For more information on Shiekana, visit the Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre in Bridgend, CF31 4NG; call on 01656 725219 or visit www.dogstrust.org.uk.



Beautiful Shiekana with Dog's Trust Jess.

Cowbridge U3A

THE next Cowbridge U3A monthly meeting will be the AGM for members only, followed by a Groups' Fayre at 2pm on Wednesday, August 1 in the St Quentin's Suite of the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge (please note the change of both date and venue). See www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge.



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Julie Giles, education officer for Keep Wales Tidy said: "The Platinum Flag is a very impressive achievement and highlights the enthusiasm and commitment that Albert Primary has towards sustainable development."

Friends of Barry Beaches

JULY'S beach clean will be held on Sunday, July 29 at The Knap beach, Barry.

Volunteers should meet at 3pm near the toilet block, at the terrace car park.

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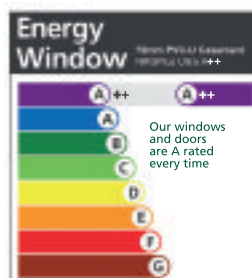


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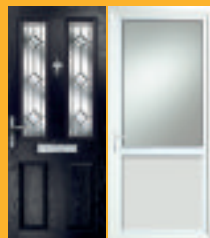


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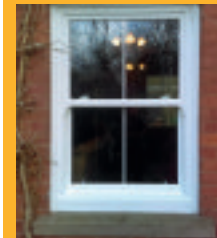
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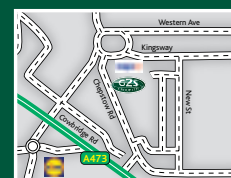
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Year 6 at the top of Pen-y-Fan.

IN a fitting tribute to Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg's school motto, 'dyro dy law i mi ac fe awn i ben y mynydd' – 'give me your hand and we'll go to the top of the mountain,' the junior school Year 6 pupils and teachers took time out from their studies to climb Pen-y-Fan on July 17.

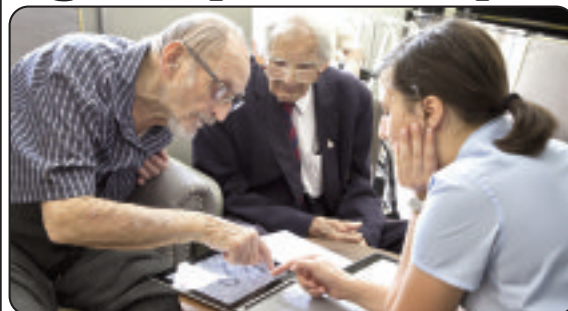
This last achievement for the Year 6 pupils was the significant milestone of reaching the summit of their primary school journey.

The children now look forward to welcoming fellow pupils from Ysgol Sant Baruc, Ysgol Sant Curig, Ysgol Gwaun Y Nant, Ysgol Pen y Garth, Ysgol Iolo Morgannwg and Ysgol Dewi Sant in joining them on their next big adventure in senior school.

Becca Pugh, a teacher, said: "We have all reached a milestone this year with YGBM's first Year 6 pupils entering our senior school. All the junior school staff would like to wish our children every success in this next exciting chapter. It has been a pleasure to watch them flourish as individuals and lead us into the school we are today."

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Care home residents get top tablet tips



Residents worked with pupils to get the most from their iPads.

RESIDENTS from a Cardiff care home have become experts in using an iPad after being shown the ropes by pupils from a local Llandaff school.

Students from Howell's School of Cardiff Road, demonstrated their knowledge and expertise in new technology as they showed residents at Ty Llandaff, lots of useful features on their iPads.

Staff from the home, which offers private nursing, residential and respite care from the age of 18 in Pontcanna, arranged the visit in response to reports that show that one in five adults in Wales are not online.

Ty Llandaff manager Janice Evans also believed that care home residents could greatly benefit from using more features of their tablets.

The two generations worked together happily going through the basics of using an iPad, and then had fun looking at the different apps that might be helpful to the lives of the residents.

Many residents talked to the

children about the inventions they have seen through their lives, and how life was different for them when they were at school.

The children had been coached by their school on the best way to teach someone how to use an iPad, improving their patience, communication and teaching skills.

Janice said: "It's always a wonderful day when we have a group of young people to visit. It gives our residents a new lease of life and it's a delight to see people from the two generations form a real bond."

"The children from Howell's School have given our residents a real gift with their coaching and new sense of independence."

"Now our residents will be able to use their iPads to stay in touch with family and friends, browse all their photos of happy memories, watch TV, listen to music and of course use the internet to keep up to date with the latest news and even shop online."

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When Lloyd George and the Suffragettes came to town (That's a good name for a band!)



Left to right: Madeleine Moon, Ceri Joseph, Norah Clarke, Roy Noble, and Suzy Davies.



Roy Noble in full Lloyd George mode.

PORHCRAWL museum led the carnival procession this year with over 100 women marking the centenary of female suffrage.

The march followed months of planning by museum secretary Ceri Joseph and her band of museum volunteers.

Many were in costume and escorted by

the museum's very own period police force.

The museum float was decorated in the Suffragette and Suffragist banners and occupied by local supporters including Madeleine Moon MP, Suzy Davies AM and Porthcawl Town Council Mayor, Cllr Norah Clarke.

Trying to keep order on the float was Lloyd George aka BBC presenter Roy Noble.

Roy visited the museum earlier in the day and following a tour of the current exhibitions, he cut a cake and had some refreshments laid on by the museum volunteers.

The BBC props department had provided Roy with the Lloyd George wig that was used by actor Philip Madoc in the TV series *The Life and Times of Lloyd George*.

Report and photos by David Swidenbank

Euan rewarded in Young Writers Competition



Award winner Euan Sainsbury with Porthcawl Rotarians Ron Jones (left) and Ivor Williams.

RECENTLY, The GEM published a story about young writers from Porthcawl primary schools who had won the first three places in a Rotary Young Writers Competition held by Rotary in Porthcawl.

Their task had been to write a story or poem entitled 'A New Perspective.' First place went to Euan Sainsbury (10), from West Park Primary, and the

club is pleased to announce that Euan's writing skills have been noted by Rotary District 1150 (which covers an area of south Wales from Pembrokeshire to Monmouthshire) and they have awarded him a district certificate for his creative efforts.

The certificate was presented to him at West Park Primary just before the end of term by Youth Opportunities Team members Ron Jones and Ivor Williams.

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Monday – 10.15am-12noon Parent and Toddler Group; 6pm-9pm Material Girls Sewing Group; 6pm-9pm Llangynwyd Middle Community Council (second Monday not August).

Tuesday – 10am-2pm Coffee Shop open; 12.30pm-1.30pm Tai Chi; 1pm-3pm Tir Iarll Craft Club (except first Tuesday); 7pm-8.30pm Singing For Pleasure; 7pm-9pm Llangynwyd

Community Association (third Tuesday).

Wednesday – 10am-2pm Coffee Shop open; 10.30am-11.30am Pilates; 2pm-4pm Prize Bingo; 6pm-8pm USW Welsh Class (from September 2018); 6pm-8pm Table Tennis.

Thursday – 10am-2pm Coffee Shop open; 10.15am-12noon Parent & Toddler Group; 6.30pm-7.30pm.

Friday – 7.15pm-9.30pm Monthly Supper club (Last Friday).

Saturday – 8.30am-10.30am Pilates.

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Bridgend Council fails to respond after three months

A REGIONAL AM has raised concerns after a local authority took more than three months to respond to a request for information.

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) took three months and one day to respond to a request for information from regional Assembly Member Suzy Davies.

The council's own website states that they should respond within 20 working days of receiving the request for information.

While the authority adds that: "If we're unable to do this we will state why, and tell you when to expect a response," Mrs Davies has questioned why the council took the amount of time it did.

"I understand and accept that at times local authorities, along with other public bodies, may not be able to respond fully within the 20 working day time frame.

"However, I twice received emails from BCBC

telling me that they could not respond in time and twice they told me they would respond within a further 10 days."

The initial request for information was made to the council on April 10.

Mrs Davies received emails from BCBC on May 9 and June 25. On both occasions, the council stated that they would be extending their time frame and that Mrs Davies would receive a response within 10 days.

"On both occasions they failed to meet their own time extension. This was not a request for an extension by the council, they simply told me they were giving themselves extra time."

Mrs Davies, the Welsh Conservative AM for South Wales West, said: "I have referred BCBC to the Information Commissioner as it is unclear how deep these failings and inefficiencies go.

"How many other times have the council failed to respond to residents within an appropriate time? We just do not know."

After more than three months, BCBC's response to Mrs Davies' original request for information, which asked about their gender pay gap was: "To date the authority has not calculated this, therefore the authority does not hold the requested information."

In response to Mrs Davies' question of whether the council have done any work with the Equalities Commissioner on this matter, the response after three months and one day was: "No."

A BCBC spokesperson said: "We acknowledge that there was a delay in responding to the request. Responses to FOI requests are undertaken by relevant departments alongside their day to day work commitments, and in this particular case the department is working on an analysis of the gender pay gap.

"They had hoped to be in a position to provide a more meaningful response. This work is still being undertaken."

Female pro-EU group launched

A GROUP of women leaders, representing aspects of Welsh life and work, has established the 'Women in Wales For Europe Network'.

Chaired and hosted by Jane Hutt AM, the network is committed to ensuring relationships with the EU are maintained and that Welsh women's voices are heard on Brexit.

Discussions are focused on the equality and human rights implications of Brexit in Wales.

The group's call to action includes a commitment to using its many networks to inform women about what Brexit really means for them, their families and communities and to empower them to challenge inequalities and influence decision making.

Mrs Hutt, who set up the group in liaison with the independent anti-Brexit campaign group Wales For Europe, said she was delighted with the range and breadth of organisations and sectors taking part, and their determination to confront and eliminate

discrimination.

"We know that, with Brexit, we are facing uncertain times. The Welsh Government has already stated that Wales 'must not lose a penny of funding due to Brexit'. That is very important, particularly for women in relation to, for example, domestic violence services, employment programmes and health and well-being.

"In addition we must ensure that women's rights are not allowed to roll backwards and that hate crime and discrimination based on nationality (both EU nationals and those of other countries) is prevented.

"The Women in Wales For Europe Network, collectively and individually, will be a voice of conscience, working to ensure that equality and human rights are not sidelined during the negotiations but are always part of mainstream discussions."

For further information, contact: Helen Birtwhistle Director, Wales For Europe director@walesforeurope.org.

A fond return for store's new charity partner

FOLLOWING a successful year working with the RNLI Barry Dock Lifeboat Station, Sainsbury's Barry is now pleased to reveal their new charity partner for 2018.

Over two weeks this June, customers were given the chance to vote in-store and online for the store's new charity partner, with the RNLI receiving the most votes.

Christopher Stork, store manager at Sainsbury's Barry, said: "We're really excited to be working with the RNLI at Barry Dock Lifeboat Station again, supporting such a fantastic cause. Everyone here at the Barry store is looking forward to working together for a successful partnership."

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Treat your canine friends at Posh Pawz Rhoose

POSH PAWZ Rhoose have just celebrated their sixth anniversary.

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Zimbabwean sculpture exhibition

ON July 31 at Coed Rural Art Space, Stephen Watts will be hosting a Zimbabwean sculpture exhibition, with music and story telling, from 1pm onwards.

Mr Watts is the third generation in a line of sculptors in his family. Over the past three years, he has been building relationships with Zimbabwe through spending a year living there.

He has brought back about 40 sculptures from this exhibition from Tengenenge sculpture community.

Tengenenge began

back in the 1960s and continues up to this day with over 100 artists still living there making sculpture.

Despite the struggles of the country, artists continue the sculpture tradition, and now there are many upcoming artists developing new style for Zimbabwean art.

The exhibition will show the spectrum of Zimbabwean sculpture, featuring work from first generation artists like Josia Manzi, to sculptors like Brian Tembo, carving abstract sculptures at the age of 15.

For further information, visit zimsculpture.co.uk.

ELDER ABUSE

DOMESTIC violence and elder abuse can happen to anyone and no one should live in fear.

Support and advice is available from Atal y Fro, an organisation in the Vale that offers help and support. A session will be held on Tuesday, July 31, from 10am to 12 noon at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. This is a drop-in session; no appointment is needed. For further information, call 01446 732385.

Johnson's Skyscraper is pure, glorious fun!

DWAYNE JOHNSON has battled most things on screen – giant mutated wolves, earthquakes, Jason Statham and government agents to name but four – however, he has yet to face off against a skyscraper. Luckily, his latest film, *Skyscraper*, is on hand to rectify that.

Johnson plays Will Sawyer, a former FBI SWAT team member who, after losing the bottom part of his leg in an explosion, is now a security consultant.

Hired to survey and assess the safety of the newly-built tallest skyscraper in the world in Hong Kong by owner Zhao (Chin Han), Will soon finds himself and his family (including his wife, played by Neve Campbell) embroiled in a plot to burn the building to the ground, and Will has to save his family in the most dramatic fashion...

Having started the summer battling genetically-modified creatures in *Rampage*, Dwayne Johnson signs off his summer with *Skyscraper*, a *Die Hard*-meets-*Towering Inferno* blockbuster. If there's one thing a Johnson film can guarantee is to offer you a good time, and *Skyscraper* most certainly does that, a lunking great beast of a blockbuster film that makes no pretence to be anything other than entertainment – and succeeds.

Johnson is that rare breed of actor (much like Tom Cruise) who has the ability to give

the audience what they want, and while his output may not particularly tickle the fancy of the high-brow (or those who believe they are high-brow), what he nearly always delivers is something that thrills and keeps you watching.

There is so much about *Skyscraper* that feels hackneyed or predictable, the film getting its beats from disaster films of yore while dropping plot breadcrumbs with all the subtlety of a Donald Trump tweet (a room full of screens that create a hall of mirrors-esque effect? That would be a good place for a shootout) but what Johnson and director Rawson Marshall Thurber create is something that bypasses these over-familiar ties.

Of course, the big thrill is seeing Will enter the blazing tower to save his family, and after a little heavy-handed plotting, once we get there we get action sequence after action sequence that will do little to calm the nerves of those with a fear of heights (definitely avoid 3D), and a sense of spectacle that definitely keeps you on the edge of your seat.

Johnson is as ever hugely watchable, and what is pleasing is the way he downplays his super-heroic onscreen persona; with a prosthetic leg, Will is more than just your everyman thrown into an extraordinary situation – he is fallible and Johnson is great playing this role with just enough wizened charm.

Neve Campbell's character also transcends the familiar,



by
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and rather than be a damsel in distress she has her own specific set of skills that make her a valid character in her own right. Chin Han's billionaire-with-a-secret is enjoyable, as are McKenna Roberts and Noah Cottrell as Will's children who are caught up in the disaster, but the rest of the turns just don't catch light.

Pablo Schreiber just can't hide the shifty look in his extended cameo, while Roland Moller's villain is dull in the extreme and

Noah Taylor's insurance expert is a blot on the actor's otherwise hugely impressive and underrated career.

But this isn't a film that rests on the shoulders of the acting performances, rather the bombast of the blockbuster and there's nothing wrong with that. It may run out of steam a little as we reach the climax, with the plot shoehorning the characters into a rather predictable denouement, but there's still a huge amount to enjoy in what is an incredibly pleasing slice of big-budget cinematic fun.

VERDICT: It's not clever but it certainly is big, and *Skyscraper* makes for a thoroughly satisfying blockbuster. As ever, Dwayne Johnson is hugely watchable, and while the performances range from decent to atrocious, director Rawson Marshall Thurber delivers spectacle, thrills and excitement – just don't look down!

Recommended.
SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Die Hard* (1987), *San Andreas* (2015).

Aston Martin sponsors RAF dance at St Athan



PICTURED: Mark Brayson, Aston Martin VIP Operations Director, Brian Plenderleith and John Bolland of Rotary Club of Rhondda and Tony Missen of Aberdare Rotary Club, at a recent visit to the company's car plant at Gaydon in Warwickshire.

THE Rotary Club of Rhondda and RAF St Athan are currently organising a Glenn Miller hangar dance to be held on October 27.

Music will be provided by the RAF Central Band's big band sound, The Squadronaires, with Kirsten Orsborn, Royal Marines official forces 'sweetheart' and Michael Buble tribute, Tom Carey.

The dance is being arranged to celebrate the centenary of the Royal Air Force and the 80th birthday of RAF St Athan. Proceeds from the event will go to the RAF Benevolent Fund

and local charities.

It is hoped that 1,000 tickets will be sold and they will go on sale at the end of this month. The venue for the dance will be in a hangar at MoD St Athan and tickets will cost £25.

The organising committee is pleased to announce that Aston Martin, who are currently building a car plant at MoD St Athan, have agreed to be the main sponsor for the event.

For tickets, contact Dave Thomas on 07570 793029 or email daillew@gmail.com; Brian Plenderleith on 01443 430992, 07743 482412 or email bcplenderleith@sky.com.

National Garden Scheme weekend



77 Cefn Road.

LISTED below are the gardens in Barry opening for the National Garden Scheme on the weekend of July 28-29.

Barry – 47, Aneurin Road, Barry. Small town front garden with an ever-changing canvas reflecting the seasons and flowering cycle of a wide and varied arrangement of plants, grown in containers and hanging baskets.

Open July 28 and 29, 11.30am-6pm – 47 Aneurin Road, Barry, CF63 4PP.

77 Cefn Road, Barry – A large S-facing garden with flower borders, pots, vegetables, hens and several seating areas.

There is a pond for wildlife next to a bog garden with large Gunnera and flanked by banana plants. The vegetable garden has two greenhouses, four no-dig beds, a composting system and a wood shed with a green roof. Views over the Vale and Bristol Channel.

Open July 28 and 29, 11am-5pm – CF32 0AW. **446 Gladstone Road, Barry –** Small town house garden, currently in development that has to cater for a children's play area but still has a good arrangement of planting that could survive the occasional damage!

Open July 28 and 29, 12noon-6pm – CF63 1QG.

Bringing historic art to life at Dyffryn Gardens

VISITORS to Dyffryn Gardens can view a succulent border just below the south terrace.

It is inspired by a 1923 watercolour of Dyffryn Gardens painted by artist Edith Adie.

Edwardian plant connoisseur and then-owner of Dyffryn, Reginald Cory, commissioned Adie to paint several views of the gardens (designed by Thomas Mawson in 1906 in the Arts and Crafts

style). In 2023 Dyffryn, now owned by the National Trust, will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Edith Adie Dyffryn watercolours and, with just five years to go, staff have begun a project to reinstate the real-life inspirations for her work.

The border is filled with an array of succulents including aeonium, agave, crassula, sempervivum and gasteria to produce a carpet bedding effect.

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Classic film night at The Small Space

THE Small Space in Barry is starting to screen classic films and here Paul Sutton reports on its latest event:

July 16 was the first film night at The Small Space in Barry.

An appreciative audience viewed the Michael Caine caper *The Italian Job* with everyone joining in at the famous scene shouting: "You're only supposed to blow the bloody doors off!"

The film was preceded with drinks at the bar,

admirably manned by Bryan, before a short welcome and introduction by host Jasper Blakeley.

The screen size and sound system for such a small venue really did do justice to the film.

Further classic films are planned over the coming months and deserves to be well supported by the local community as it provides just that something a little bit different in an intimate surrounding for a Monday night out. Check it out for yourself and enjoy.

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Awards for inspired students



The students with their awards.

STUDENTS and volunteers from across the Vale were commended for their achievements in a recent awards evening held at Barry's Art Central Gallery.

The Vale Inspire Awards was organised by the Vale Adult Learning Network – a range of partnership organisations who provide learning and volunteering opportunities in the Vale. The overall winner of the Inspire award, was Beryl O'Brien, who began as a volunteer at Cardiff Metropolitan

University. She has progressed from learning on a taster course to completing a degree course and hopes to graduate at the same time as her granddaughter.

This year's winners of the Gail Hughes Community project award, in memory of a former staff member who worked for the Vale of Glamorgan Community Development, was awarded to 'The Journeys', which runs a 'Confidence and Self Esteem' project at Palmerston community learning centre.

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Resistance to Autism Bill 'disappointing'

AUTISM sufferers across Wales will feel "let down" by the Welsh Government, said South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies recently.

There have long been calls for legislation guaranteeing autism sufferers rights and support, and a Welsh Conservative Autism Bill is currently progressing through the Assembly.

While the Welsh Labour Government have allowed their backbench members a free vote on the Bill, they have not indicated Ministers will support it.

Mr Davies, who has recently

visited several organisations calling for better support for autism sufferers, said the situation was "bitterly disappointing" and urged Ministers to give the Bill their "wholehearted backing".

He said: "I have recently visited many organisations, including Vale People First in Barry, who made it quite clear they need more help from those in power."

"An Autism Act for Wales would deliver this, so the Welsh Government must sit up, take notice and give autism sufferers the support they need."

New handmade kitchen now available at Topstak



TOPSTAK, in the Vale, have added a beautiful handmade kitchen to their top quality range.

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The kitchens are handpainted, and the customer has a wide choice of shades. A bespoke, and personalised service is available, along with a made-to-measure option, that ensures that the new kitchen fits perfectly, even in an awkward space.

In addition to these features, the Eric Christian also offers curved door units, on request; delivery direct to site; a quick turnaround if required; a wide range of appliances; a lovely

selection of worktops and wall tiles, to suit individual tastes.

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Christian Brookfield from Topstak says: "The Eric Christian compliments our current range of high-quality kitchens perfectly. As with every service we provide, a dedicated team will ensure that everything goes smoothly for the customer, from helping with the choice of paintwork and appliances, to installing the kitchen in the home."

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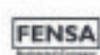
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Firefighters rescue horses trapped in trench



Photo courtesy of RSPCA.

TWO horses that became stuck after wandering into a trench have been freed by South Wales Fire and Rescue Service.

The horses – a mare and her foal – were unable to back out of the trench at a disused building at an old colliery site in Ynysmaerdy, Pontyclun, on July 20.

It appears they became stuck after walking through a tunnel and down a trench, which was narrow, and they were unable to go back when they could not go any further.

It is unsure how long the horses were there, but one of those on the

scene suggested a day, commenting that the horses remained calm and were used to being handled by people.

The rescue was undertaken by the fire crew and the owner, with advice from a vet and support from the RSPCA.

A ramp of wooden blocks were used to move the horses up higher so their heads were above the trench, allowing more space for them to turn around.

There was praise for the fire crew, and the horses were uninjured apart from a few grazes.

The owner has been advised to block up the access point.

Ableworld's ethical selling policy on mobility products

AFTER more calls have been made for tighter mobility scooter laws to prevent 'unfit users' from purchasing equipment without being assessed, Ableworld want to reassure their customers they will be continuing to trade as an ethical mobility retailer as they have always done since they were founded in

2000.

At a time when many mobility retailers have given in and sold scooters online with no checks,

Ableworld strongly believes that before purchasing some items of mobility equipment, customers should be correctly assessed and advised which product fits their needs best.

Michelle Mossford, senior marketing manager said: "The wrong product sold over the internet or in-store without a proper assessment could lead to added complications to a

person's condition.

"For this reason, some of our products are only available for purchase after an assessment has been made either in the home or in one of our stores.

"This can sometimes mean we lose out to 'less responsible' competitors who have no concerns selling over the internet or without a thorough assessment". Those products that Ableworld insist have an assessment prior to purchase include riser recliner chairs, scooters, powerchairs and wheelchairs.

If you would like an assessment in your home, contact your nearest Ableworld store for more information or alternatively visit the store, where our trained advisors will be happy to help you.

Not only does Ableworld run regular scooter proficiency sessions aimed at keeping customers safe, but it also produces a free 'highway code' for mobility scooters and users.

This free guide covers everything you need to know in order to stay safe while using a mobility scooter, and to keep other road users and pedestrians safe.

It also includes the DVLA registration process, advice on insurance and guidance on how to use your scooter safely.

Pick up your free, easy to use, and illustrated highway code today from your local Ableworld store.

For a list of all Ableworld stores visit www.ableworld.co.uk.

Local housing association receives award from RNIB

NEWYDD Housing Association and its tenants living at Elis Fisher Court in Barry, can now live independently for longer, following innovative renovations which support those individuals living with sight loss.

The changes, which were internal and external, mean that Newydd have been awarded RNIB Cymru's 'Visibly Better' Platinum Award. This is the third Newydd scheme that has received this award.

Major external changes have been made to the scheme such as wide level access paths around the building, installing tactile paving and coloured handrails, as well as highlighting the path edgings, to ensure that tenants can safely navigate their way around the building to the garden without the potential for any slips, trips or falls.

Internally at Elis Fisher Court, Newydd have installed lighting which is controlled by movement sensors, window tinting and blinds to prevent glare, as well as new handrails to internal staircases and highlighting of internal stair treads to prevent falls.

Jason Wroe, housing director for Newydd, said: "As a responsible social landlord, we understand the importance of creating homes that not only offer somewhere safe, affordable and secure for tenants, but also a home

that meets their needs.

"We are proud to receive the Visibly Better award from RNIB Cymru as it cements our commitment as an organisation to provide homes where tenants with sight loss can live independently for longer."

Working with RNIB Cymru, some Elis Fisher Court tenants were trained to become assessors and throughout the renovations ensured the work was up to standard and suitable for fellow tenants.

Ansley Workman, director of RNIB Cymru, added: "Our Visibly Better awards make a huge difference to the lives of tenants. Often the changes are very simple but lead to a reduction in falls and accidents.

"Although the standards are aimed at improving accessibility for people with sight loss, they will benefit a wide range of tenants including people with dementia or mobility problems.

"We know that one in five people aged 75 and over are living with sight loss, and that sight loss is set to double in the next 25 years. Congratulations to Elis Fisher Court for their award."

Newydd has two further Independent Living Schemes in Barry scheduled for renovation work to support its tenants with sight loss and provide them with the means to continue living independent lives.

For more information about Newydd and its Independent Living Schemes, visit www.newydd.co.uk

LATCH golf day raises £7,500 for charity



It was the 22nd year for the event at the Glamorganshire Golf Club.

THE LATCH Welsh children's cancer charity annual charity golf day was held at Glamorganshire Golf Club on July 12, and more than

120 local business people and golf enthusiasts took part.

The charity golf day, which is now in its 22nd year, was a resounding success, with £7,500 raised during the day.

Phil Parker, who organises the event, said: "The sunshine made for a very memorable event and it was so good to meet up with friends from the golfing and business worlds to enjoy a day in aid of a charity that is so very close to my heart.

"The fact that we raised so much money is testament to the community spirit that is so strong in the golfing arena, and it's an absolute honour to be able to help support such a vital local charity.

"Along with the LATCH team, I would like to thank everyone who entered on the day and also to the volunteers who worked tirelessly to make it such a huge success."

For further information, visit www.latch.wales.org.

'Bloomin' beautiful' in Porthcawl!



Jean Thomas, Akela, 1st Porthcawl Scouts; Dr George Foster and Jonathan Thomas admire the flower-filled boat.

READERS of The GEM might be aware that the little boat on the A4106 (Bridgend Road), just past the Porthcawl Town sign from Tythegston, is maintained by the Wilderness Allotments Association, Heol Y Godwig.

It is just one of the voluntary community activities for which the Wilderness was given the European Allotment Award last year.

During one of the hottest and driest summers on record, it has

taken much effort by the three volunteers in the photograph to keep the boat looking beautiful for the thousands of visitors to Porthcawl.

The boat is a successful partnership between various organisations: Tools for Self-Reliance; BCBC Green Spaces; Sustainable Wales, 1st Porthcawl Scouts (Woodland Hall) and the Wilderness Allotments.

However, nothing could have been achieved this summer without the generosity of the neighbouring householder who allows the group to have water! David Rowe, chairman, Wilderness Allotments Association.

MP's tribute to Welsh Guards

VALE MP Alun Cairns has paid tribute to the work the Welsh Guards are doing in Afghanistan.

The Welsh Secretary and Vale MP said in the Commons that he had recently spent time with the regiment in Kabul.

He said: "I saw at first hand the important role that our servicemen and women play in the UK's operations, and I pay tribute to them.

"Having seen the Welsh Guards in action in Afghanistan, I have nothing but admiration and respect for the work that they do.

"Additional support to help them embed the important steps they are taking to support the ongoing work of the Afghan Government will be extremely important.

"I pay tribute to them for the work they do."

Michael Prosser

Morrisons announces its 'Quieter Hour'

MORRISONS Barry is to introduce a quieter hour for customers who would benefit from a calmer shopping trip.

Designed to help customers who currently struggle with music and the other noise associated with supermarket shopping, it will take place every Saturday in the Heol Ceiniog store from 9am to 10am.

The Quieter Hour initiative has been created with the support of the National Autistic Society. Many people who are autistic or those with autistic children can find shopping in a supermarket an anxious experience.

Morrisons carried out a trial earlier in the year in three of its stores to find out what

improvements can be made and to find a convenient time each week for the 'Quieter Hour' to take place.

They found one in five had a friend or family member with autism and many appreciated the option to shop at that time on a Saturday.

During Quieter Hours the store will: dim the lights; turn music and radio off; avoid making tannoy announcements; reduce movement of trolleys and baskets; turn checkout beeps and other electrical noises down; place a poster outside to tell customers it's Quieter Hour.

Morrisons will also work to improve awareness among colleagues of the issues autistic customers face in store. MS

The Isle of Fire draws crowds to Barry Island



ONCE again, the Vale Council's 'Isle of Fire' event at Barry Island, this year sponsored by Admiral, proved to be popular with the crowds.

Local photographer Roger Harrison took these photos of the evening as it moved from dusk to darkness.

You can see more of Roger's work on <http://www.cariadus.com>



'Future is Bright' award winner Nora Hardy with Chris Parsons from New Directions.

'Inspired for Life' awards presented

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) has held its first 'Inspired for Life' awards to celebrate the individuals, groups and organisations that help to improve the lives of local people.

A shortlist of nominees was drawn up after the public was invited to put forward contenders, before the winners in five award categories were chosen at the event held at the Grand Pavilion in Porthcawl.

The winners were:
Power of One award – Simon Green: Simon campaigns tirelessly for better awareness, better inclusion, and more accessibility for disabled people.

Made a Difference award – Community Furniture Aid: This Pontycymer based charity supply donated furniture to furnish homes for homeless and poverty stricken residents.

Future is Bright award

– Nora Hardy: Nora is a 17-year-old pupil at Bryntirion Comprehensive who has contributed greatly to the wider community to help and inspire others. At just 18 months old, Nora needed a liver transplant, and as she has grown up has done wonders to raise awareness for the Children's Liver Disease Foundation.

Above and Beyond award – Geoff Cheetham: Geoff is passionate about improving the health and wellbeing of older people.

Innovation award – Maesteg Alternative Curriculum Base, Maesteg School: A small department of four staff work with pupils to provide physical, mental, social and educational support.

Thanks were given to BCBC partners Linc Cymru, New Directions, Sony UK Technology, BAVO and Sport Wales.

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RNLI lifeguards to patrol Porthcawl's beaches until 2021

A DEAL has been agreed for RNLI lifeguards to continue patrolling four Porthcawl beaches until the summer of 2021.

Coney Beach, Rest Bay, Trecco Bay and Pink Bay will all be covered by the RNLI's seasonal beach lifeguarding service.

The patrols will be jointly funded by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), Porthcawl Town Council and Parkdean Resorts, with the RNLI covering additional costs through their national and local

fund raising activities. Rest Bay, Coney Beach and Trecco Bay are being patrolled daily between 10am and 6pm until the end of the season on September 2, while lifeguards will patrol Pink Bay from Rest Bay when the tide allows. Once the tide prevents access to Pink Bay, the lifeguards will then undertake regular patrols from land.

For more information and advice on all aspects of beach and coastal safety visit the RNLI's *Respect the Water* campaign website at rnl.org/safety/respect-the-water.

'Aggressive robbery' at Brynhill Golf Club

POLICE in Barry are appealing for information about a robbery at Brynhill Golf Club on Sunday night (July 22).

Two males entered the golf club shortly before 11.40pm, where they grabbed a 39-year-old woman by the neck before making off with a money box and a quantity of bank notes from the till.

The males were both wearing hooded tops, and one was also wearing a pair of sunglasses.

Detective Inspector Terry Hopkins said: "This was an aggressive robbery committed against someone who was just doing her job. We are supporting the victim but are also determined to bring those responsible to justice."

"We would urge anyone with information to get in touch with us or to call Crimestoppers, anonymously."

Anyone with any information about this incident should call police on 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111, quoting reference 1800275602.

Porthcawl and Barry RNLI to the rescue



Porthcawl RNLI arrives to help. (Photo by Porthcawl RNLI).

A joint effort by Porthcawl and Barry RNLI volunteers rescued a yacht that was in danger of sinking five miles off shore.

At 8.10pm on Tuesday, July 24, Porthcawl and Barry Dock RNLI lifeboats launched to a 53ft yacht which had made a MAYDAY call as it was taking on water south of Nash Point.

Porthcawl's Atlantic 85 lifeboat, Rose of the Shires, was launched and located the casualty yacht about five miles south west of Nash Point.

Two volunteer crew members were put aboard with a salvage pump. They assessed the situation on board and managed to stem the ingress of water with the pump.

Upon the arrival of the larger Barry Dock lifeboat, the Atlantic 85 transferred two crew members from Barry Dock lifeboat onto the casualty vessel before recovering their own two crew members.

Porthcawl lifeboat then returned to station whilst the Barry Dock Lifeboat took the yacht under tow and back to Barry Dock for the skipper to carry out repairs.

Lifeboat operations manager at Porthcawl, Philip Missen, said, 'The casualty yacht crew did the right thing by putting out the MAYDAY call as soon as they were aware of taking in water.'

"This allowed us and Barry Dock lifeboat to locate and manage the situation and avoid a possible sinking of the casualty vessel".

Ay up m'duck – YOU'VE WON!



RECORD crowds attended Charity Duck Race and Summer Fete, at the Knap Gardens on July 21.

The organisers of the event, The Rotary Club of Barry, wish to thank all those who attended. Everyone had a

great day, including the ducks.

The winning ducks are: Race 1 duck number 1415, Race 2 duck number 964, Race 3 duck number 1142. The sponsors of the winning ducks have already been notified.

See next week's GEM for more 'quacking' photos.

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VALE AM ENJOYS A CWTCH!

VALE AM Jane Hutt recently joined the Cwtch Peer Support Group at the Vale Hub in Barry to learn more from members affected by depression and/or anxiety about the ways they support each other.

Jane Hutt said: "It was so good to find out more about this self help group which means so much to its members meeting every week at the Vale Hub and always welcoming new members."

The photo shows Jane Hutt AM with the Cwtch Cymru Barry Peer Support Group.



A summer's evening walk for Penarth and District Ramblers

ON a beautiful sunny, hot and still evening, a group of 16 walkers and Mervyn the spaniel joined Joy from Penarth and District Ramblers at St Andrews Major Primary School recently.

After welcoming some of the people who walk with Geraint on the Dinas Powys walks on Wednesday evenings, which have now finished, they set off down the Westra.

Carefully avoiding the traffic, a metal gateway led them onto what was part of the St Andrews Major golf course but is now privately owned with its large flock of black sheep quietly grazing.

Following the public right of way where it has been marked out by a tape fence in places and emerging onto the golf course, they enjoyed some friendly banter with two male players as they waited for them to play their shots before moving on.

Because the public footpath at this point is blocked with thick vegetation, they made their way past the driving range, and followed the path behind the clubhouse adjacent to the Coldbrook River onto Argae Lane.

Crossing Pont y Rhydyll, they walked up the driveway passing cows and sturdy calves, sprawled out enjoying the evening sunshine in the adjoining fields.

They arrived at Biglis farmhouse and its stone barn, built in the late 18th or early 19th century, but since then has been remodelled and both buildings are Grade II listed.

Passing below the main Cardiff to Barry railway line and heading through a metal gate, a small herd of inquisitive bullocks followed the group half way across the field and then gave up in the heat. A stile led them to the distinctive red and yellow

bricked Biglis Pumphouse, opened in 1899.

Negotiating a narrow path through tall foliage beside the banks of the Cadoxton River, they went into fields beside Cardiff Road and along a narrow path through trees into Parc Bryn y Don where the popular skate park was opened in 2007.

Circumnavigating the field that contains the cricket pitch and exiting into Cae'r Ody, some pavement walking at Heol y Frenhines and Cardiff Road led them into Station Road and up onto Dinas Powys Common.

Walking on slightly higher ground with its grand views towards the Bristol Channel and Sully meant they were able to catch and enjoy the slight breeze for the short walk back to their start.

On July 28, meet at 9.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 7.5-mile moderate walk from Cyfarthfa Castle taking in Morlais Castle and the Taff Fechan Valley; contact John on 01446 418514.

On July 29, meet at 9am at Cogan for an 11.5-mile hard walk taking in Sugar Loaf, Partrishow Church and Crug Mawr; contact Robin on 029 2051 4051.

On August 2, meet at 6.30pm at the Visitors Centre, Cosmeston Country Park for a four-mile easy/moderate walk taking in Lavernock beach and Swanbridge; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks.

For up to date information, log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or access Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

JOY STRANGWARD

NSPCC trustees thank 'their local'



Liz and Andy (centre) with their award.

SINCE the St Hilary and District branch of the NSPCC was formed in 2016, Andy and Liz, proprietors of the Bush in the village of St Hilary, have been unstinting supporters.

In June 2016, Andy cycled the 140-mile Dragon Ride in aid of the NSPCC and pedalled his way to raising more

than £1,500.

Liz was fundamental in organising the St Hilary and District Ball at The Bear Hotel in Cowbridge in May 2017.

She helped with the logistical elements of organising the event, selling the tables and obtaining raffle prizes, including donating the family holiday villa abroad for a week as one of the prizes.

Her organisational skills are incredible and

she worked with the St Hilary and District committee to create a fantastic event, raising over £12,000.

Andy and Liz are amazingly supportive of all the NSPCC's fundraising activities in

St Hilary and promote all NSPCC events at The Bush Inn. Their support has been hugely appreciated by both the St Hilary committee and the Cardiff branch.

As a result, they need to be congratulated for

receiving an award from the NSPCC trustees in recognition of their fundraising efforts. Well done Andy and Liz!

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Bluebirds revive plan for training base in the Vale

CARDIFF City Football Club could finally get permission to start work on a new training ground this week.

The Bluebirds want to build the new training ground in the Vale on council-owned agricultural land south-west of Junction 34 of the M4.

The Vale Council's planning committee will discuss the first part of the plans, which would include 15 pitches on land opposite Hensol Villas, on Thursday (July 26).

The club also wants to build a two-storey training centre in the middle of the new ground, with 123 car

parking spaces, but this is subject to a separate planning application.

Vale Council officers have advised the committee to approve permission for the 15 pitches, across a 44 acre site, subject to conditions.

There have been 19 letters of objection sent to the council since the planning application was first submitted in 2013.

Concerns raised by residents include the new training ground's proximity to neighbouring properties, potential floodlighting, flooding issues and 'noise levels and disturbance including obscene language,' a council report says.

Pendoylan Community Council has

also raised concerns about noise and increase in traffic resulting from the development, and has objected to using the land for non-agricultural purposes.

The training centre, which will be decided on another date, would include a gym, pool, treatment rooms and dining rooms.

There would also be spectator terraces for overlook the first team pitches to the west of the training ground and for academy pitches to the east.

Plans for the new training ground were originally submitted following Cardiff City's promotion to the Premier League in 2013.

The Bluebirds were relegated in the 2013-14 season, but won promotion back to the top flight last season.

They play their first game back in the Premier League away at Bournemouth on August 11.

Matt Discombe
Local democracy reporter

BINGO AFTERNOON

THE management committee of Rhose Community Hall in Stewart Road is holding another of its fundraising bingo afternoons on Saturday, July 28; doors open at 1.45pm for a prompt start at 2.30pm.

Refreshments will be served, followed by a raffle; everyone is welcome.

Hovercraft arrives at Penarth 50 years ago

WORLD history just over 10 minutes! This was no doubt the brainchild of Sydney Clifton Smith-Cox, the managing director of P & A Campbell Ltd, and provided a considerable amount of publicity for a company that just a few years before was in receivership.

There were drawbacks though – the small number of passengers it could carry (compared with 1,000-plus on the big paddle steamers), the noise it generated and mechanical glitches. At the end of a six-week season, the hovercraft flew away again and did not return to the Severn Sea!

The hovercraft story did not end there because P & A Campbell commenced hovercraft services on the south coast of England to a number of locations and across to France, operated by the SRN6 named after the former flagship of the White Fleet.

Floating on a cushion of air and weighing 27 tons, it could accommodate up to 70 passengers and travel at over 80 miles per hour. The journey time from Penarth to Weston was

just over 10 minutes!

Meanwhile back at Penarth, the arrival of SRN2 was no doubt greeted with pleasure by the local school children – who had the day off to witness the event. Civic dignitaries, of course, turned out in number. The local press got excited too – "History was in the making – THE THING IS HERE!". The single fare to Weston was £1 (very expensive for the time) and return ticket – out by hovercraft – back by steamer set you back 27/6d. Another drawback – at Penarth beach anyway – was that the force of the draught caused pebbles to fly all over the place.

The vessel was 65 feet in length and 30 feet in breadth and powered by four Bristol Siddeley Nimbus turboshaft engines of 815 horsepower each. A number of proposed hovercraft schemes have emerged from time to time but nothing much has resulted. Now, with practically no maritime excursions here it is surprising how many local residents remember the events of 55 years ago to this day.

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A great day of summer fun in Porthcawl as the crowds flock to a top quality carnival

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A great deal of hard work, imagination and ingenuity went into designing the Porthcawl carnival floats, and then all that was needed was the energy and enthusiasm of the cast of characters, who waved to the crowds as the procession made its way around Porthcawl.



ABOVE: The Porthcawl Community Orchestra float.

Well over 100 'Suffragists' walked the carnival route while some travelled in style!

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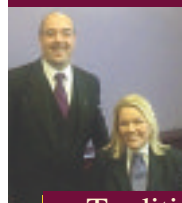
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Shirley

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Rose

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Llantwit Major pupils try out a 'health day'



Pupils tried out new activities during 'Health Day'.

ON July 19, Llantwit Major School pupils held in a 'health day', when took part in different sessions, including squash, Tae Kwon Do, Irish dancing and mindfulness.

The aim was to get pupils to try different types of activities to develop new skills, which may inspire and encourage them to get more involved in exercise and healthy living.

Some of the students said: "Meditation was quiet and relaxing, not like a usual day in school!" - Shanti (year-9).

"I enjoyed the first aid session as we were trained by experienced St John's Ambulance staff and got to practise

CPR compressions on resuscitation Annie dolls." - Chloe (year-8).

"We learned that sugar isn't always where you think it is... for example, there are 10 teaspoons of sugar in a cup of fruit juice, which is more than in a can of Coke!" - Joe (year-9).

"We finished first in orienteering but ended up coming second as our maths let us down. We realised that we need to be academic and athletic to get far in life!" - Rhys (year-8).

With so many inspirational sessions, pupils have learned that being healthy is not hard work and it can be a lot of fun! Remember: it's never too early or too late to work towards being the healthiest you.

Mrs E Richards and Tia-Jade Allen (year-10)

Stitching session to be held for Remembrance

THIS year marks 100 years since the end of the First World War.

Llantwit Major Town Council will be honouring the occasion in a number of ways, one of which is with the Commemorative Wall Hanging, which we are in the process of creating a patchwork from single

poppies that have been made by individuals and groups in the community. The Wall Hanging will be hung from the Town Hall on Remembrance Sunday and then later displayed inside the Town Hall.

If you have purchased a textile square, please return it to the Town Hall on completion. Textile squares are for sale in the Town Hall at £1 and all proceeds will be donated

to The Poppy Appeal.

Our next 'stitching session' will be held at 2pm on August 22, in Llantwit Major Hall. We hope to have as many squares as possible returned for this sitting.

We are also appealing for any World War One memorabilia that you may have for an exhibition that will be held over the Remembrance Weekend. The 'Memorial Exhibition' will be displayed from November 8-11 and will include memorabilia, photographs and art work from local artists and schools.

If you have anything that you would like to contribute please contact the Town Council on 01446 793707 or email lm.tc@btconnect.com

A jolly affair for Boverton WI

THE July meeting of Boverton WI was a jolly affair - not least because of the beautiful weather and the usual tea and biscuits were replaced by proscio, crisps and line dancing.

President Joan reminded everyone about the afternoon tea at West House Hotel on Thursday, August 9. This will take the place of the August meeting and give everyone an excuse to dress up.

The November meeting will be on Saturday, November 17 for a trip to Hereford where there will be ample opportunity to shop for Christmas.

On Monday, September 3, there will be an evening at the Hotter shoe shop in Cardiff with wine, nibbles, a personal fitting service and 30 per cent off any purchases made. There will also be a raffle and a goody bag at the end of the evening.

Joan announced that one of the members, Alice Thomas of St Donats, celebrated her

90th birthday recently, so happy birthday wishes go to her.

At the September meeting, there will be a demonstration on gift wrapping and the book stall will open to boost funds.

With the business of the evening concluded, it was line dancing time. The floor was cleared, first came the instructions, then the taking part. A large portion of members quickly got the hang of it and the advantage is you do not need a partner.

It is also a good form of exercise, especially for the more mature, as it improves mental skills, you have to memorise the steps and it is one of the best activities for total body wellness. It proved to be very popular.

The raffle was won by Anne Fry and Joyce Bruten.

Boverton WI meet on the second Thursday of each month in Llantwit Major Hall at 7.30pm and guests are always made welcome.

WJ

An open day to view restored Saron Chapel



THE wonderful Saron Chapel in Treoes will be re-opening very soon after significant support from Heritage Lottery to restore it, and return it to its former glory of the 18th century.

The Deacons, trustees and management committee of Saron Chapel, Treoes, offer a warm invitation to everyone to visit Saron Chapel on Saturday, August 11, anytime between 10am-2pm to walk around and see for themselves the beautiful newly-renovated Chapel.

Visitors are welcome to learn how funding was achieved, see many fascinating historical photos and facts obtained by the History Society.

A highlight of the day will be the opportunity to view the recently-restored Peter Williams Family Bible which was associated with the establishment of Saron in 1831. Tea/coffee will be awaiting your visit!

If you would like to know more about the history of the chapel, also the fascinating history of the village of Treoes go to www.friendsofsarontrreoe.s.wales

PW

Cowbridge seconds are in good spirits despite close defeat

THE weather has helped make this a glorious summer for playing cricket and the main ingredients were there again on Saturday at the Broad Shoard, as Cowbridge second XI welcomed second-placed Drefach.

The sun was shining, the pitch was firm and flat, the opposition were a decent bunch of chaps, there was the lovely tea, prepared by Happy Days, and a convivial evening at the bar afterwards.

The only thing missing was the victory,

but it was a fabulous, close game, played in a good spirit.

Cowbridge batted first and managed to score 165 runs for the loss of seven wickets in the allotted 40 overs.

David Gascoyne was first out, scoring 59 and Jonathan Webb hung around to score 70.

Jonathan has scored a good number of runs this season, but hasn't been at his most fluent, yet there were signs of him hitting top form towards the end of his innings, as we watched him drive the ball majestically down the ground on several occasions.

Even so, the total was only respectable, not brilliant and Drefach,

chasing promotion, were always going to give it a go.

Unfortunately for Cowbridge, they got off to a flying start, as the home side's opening attack struggled for accuracy and that meant that the opposition were never under sufficient pressure to make them panic.

Even so, the more accurate bowling of spin twins Ian Evans (two wickets) and Naveed Younas brought a degree of control.

This was followed up by club stalwarts John Gilbert, who took four wickets, and Guy Parker. In the end, it was only the experience of Drefach captain Joe

Evans, with some clever tactics, which enabled the away team to secure victory, reaching 166 for the loss of eight wickets with seven balls to spare.

Cowbridge remain sixth out of 10 teams and venture to struggling Maesteg Celtic this Saturday knowing that another win will keep them well clear of the relegation position.

The handicap winners were Hilary Laurence and Vivien Liles.

LH

Good week for Sully bowlers

OVERALL it was a good week for the Villagers of Sully Bowls Club, with an unusually-shaped side going down heavily to Windsor on the last end on Saturday away to Trelewis and winning a quarter-final match against Barry Central in the Alun Martin.

Wednesday brought an unusual array of players to Windsor to a green with no green in it - the surface was so fast (17 seconds) which is indoor pace that a lot of the Villagers took too long to find out how to bowl on it.

Only worthy of note was the rink of R Fitzjohn, E Pryer, A Smith and D Edwards winning 17-14 in an overall 51-95 loss.

Saturday came and we travelled to Trelewis, the side who had beaten us at home in our first league match, but with a few holiday-makers returning, a stronger side travelled.

On the fifth and 10th ends, Sully were a handful of shots up, but

by 15 ends this had swung the other way and the Villagers were three down.

They stuck to the task in hand, clawing back the deficit - with three rinks of the green all losing, we were 10 down, but D Curtis' rink were 10 up with an end to play which they went on to win, holding shot for an 79-80 away win.

Scores: G John, R Fitzjohn, A Thomas, D Curtis 26-15; A Smith, D Curtin, M Hardy, B Griffiths 16-21; B Curtis, A Rees, T Murphy, D Edwards 19-22; J Best, J Hubbard, D Hotchkiss, F Phillips 19-21.

This was Garth Johns' last game for a while for us and we all wish him well.

Sunday brought the two rink Alun Martin quarter-final against Barry Central played in Sully - enough to say a comfortable win was had on both rinks.

The semi-final is to be played this Sunday at 2.30pm in Sully against old adversaries Dinas Powys.

The Villagers are away on Saturday to Millwood in Barry.

TM

Big win for Belle Vue Bowling Club

BELLE VUE secured another big win in the Cardiff league against Caerphilly Bowling Club recently, with the final score 98 to 33.

All four rinks won well in the summer sunshine.

Rink two won their rink 22-8. Lead was Dave Bradley, No 2 was Graham Duggan, No 3 was Richard Brant and the skip was Trevor Ford.

Rink three won their rink by 25-7, playing with one man short and after adjustment, they won well. Lead was Paul Booth, No 3 was Dave Miller and the skip was captain Malcolm Thomas.

Rink four won their rink 28-8. Lead was Colin Scammell, No 2 was skipper sub Dave Rappitt, No 3 was Paul Paterson; skip was Frank Keen.

Rink five won 23-10. Lead was Len Fowler, No 2 was Gordon Ford, No 3 Gerry Field and skip was Dave Purser.

Thanks go to Caerphilly for making it a friendly afternoon of bowling and to Malcolm Thomas and Gerry Field for the buffet.

On July 18, Belle Vue entertained Llantwit Major Bowling Club in a Munro Cup match in a close game.

After score adjustment, Belle Vue lost by 9 shots, having played with two men short.

Rink two lost 23-9; lead was Colin Scammell, No. 2 was new player Barrie Roberts; No. 3 was captain Paul Paterson and skip was Frank Keen.

Rink three won their rink 18-14. Lead was Dave Bradley, No.2 was Dave Huntley, No. 3 was Gordon Ford and skip was Barrie Bagwell.

Rink five won 17-8, after score adjustment, playing a man short. Lead was Paul Booth, No.3 was Dave Smith and the skip was John Whitfield.

Paul Paterson thanked everyone for a good game and Malcolm for the food.

Local cadets to represent area in national regatta

BARRY Sea Cadets took part in the Area Sailing Regatta at Tata Steel Sailing Club near Port Talbot recently, and one of the crews has qualified to represent the South West Area in the National Regatta to be held in Southport in September.

The Area Regatta has representatives from units as far afield as Falmouth and Coventry competing in various classes of sailing boats for the honor of representing their area at national level.

Able Cadet Richardson and Cadet 1st class Edwards, who train at the Barry Community Water Activity



Centre, were competing in the 18 boat Quest Class and finished in second place which qualifies them for the next stage, the National Regatta.

Cdt Edwards said: "I'm very excited and looking forward to training even harder, so as we can try and improve on our fourth place at last year's National sail."

Barrivale Bridge Club results

THE latest results for the Barrivale Bridge Club are as follows:

July 10: First, Reg Dyer and Dave Thomas, 61.67 per cent; second, Peter Millar and Tim Barsby, 60.83 per cent; third, Noelle Bond and Jenny Vaughan, 57.07 per cent.

The handicap winners

were Reg Dyer and Dave Thomas.

July 17: First, Peter Millar and Mick Green, 61.67 per cent; second, Adrian and Diana Trickey, 57.50 per cent; Sarah Amos and Jenny Vaughan, 56.25 per cent.

The handicap winners were Hilary Laurence and Vivien Liles.

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ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

'HAVE horses will travel' is certainly the motto of Pembrokehire trainer Peter Bowen.

At Cartmel last Saturday he took the first two races when his *Mac Tottie* under champion jockey Richard Johnson won the opening Cartmel Lodge Park Novices' Hurdle at odds of 7-2 and around 40 minutes or so later, his *Wells De Lune* the 11-4 favourite won the Banks Lyon Jewellers Lady Riders' Handicap Hurdle by one and a quarter lengths from *Innocent Touch*.

Wells De Lune was partnered by Jodie Hughes, 34, who is no stranger to the Vale, having ridden many point-to-point winners in the past at the Glamorgan and Ystrad Taf Fechan hunt meetings.

However, it was at Market Rasen that Bowen had his biggest success when his eight-year-old *More Buck's*, ridden by his son Sean Bowen, landed the 188Bet Summer Plate Handicap Chase worth £28,475 to the winner.

At the finish, *More Buck's*, a 6-1 chance, had half-a-length to spare over the bottom weighted *Too Many Diamonds* a winner of its previous three races.

At Sunday's Newton Abbot meeting Chepstow trainer Robert Stephens won the opening At The Races Sky 415 Maiden Hurdle with *Push The Tempo* who was ridden by T J O'Brien.

James Bowen, Sean Bowen's younger brother, riding the four-year-old *Tidal Watch* for the legendary Jon Jo O'Neill, won the Racing Partnership TRP Novices' Handicap Hurdle.

Llanecarfan's Evan Williams landed the opening Mazak Novices' Handicap Chase at Worcester on June 17 with his six-year-old *Dark Invader* who, under stable jockey Adam Wedge, won by half-a-length from *Comanche Chieftan*.

Dark Invader was returned the 9-4 favourite. Another Welsh trainer, Pembrokehire's Peter Bowen, took the following

Mazak & PP Going Forward Together Novices' Chase with *Sourivan*, who ridden by his son Sean Bowen, came home three lengths ahead of *Scoop The Pot*. *Sourivan* was a 3-1 chance in a field of just four runners.

Eric the Third is first

ERIC The Third, trained at Aberthaw by Tim Vaughan, landed the BetFred TV Conditional Jockeys' Handicap at Uttoxeter last week.

The nine-year-old won by half-a-length from *Scotsbrook Night* in a field of nine and partnered by the talented Richard Patrick, went off the 11-10 favourite.

Molly Jones, who recently won at Chepstow for trainer Matt Salaman at odds of 50-1, ridden this time by Tony Clark, got home by a neck at Bath Races at the much shorter odds of 8-1 when beating the second favourite, *Broadhaven Honey*.

Special Olympics Golf hold annual golf tournament

JULY 9 saw golfers from around England and Wales compete at the Special Olympics Wales annual golf tournament at St Andrews Major Golf Club.

Cllr Janice Charles, Mayor of Barry, was present to welcome everyone to the tournament.

All golfers were introduced at the tee by John Hastings, the golf professional at the club, and in the first group two Welsh golfers teed off. They were Sam Lazenbury (Barry) and Matthew Sims (Cardiff), and in the second group was James Savory (Barry).

The nine hole competition saw Gareth Lloyd and Mark Eveleigh both from Barry in Division 2 and Adrian Abbott (Llantwit Major) in Division 3.

After all the rounds were completed, everyone sat down for a meal prepared by McGrath Catering followed by the presentation.

Matthew Sims finished second and Sam Lazenbury third in the 18 hole Division One competition, while in the 18 hole Division Two



event, James Savory took first place.

In the nine-hole competition, Division One, Matthew Prewett took third place, in Division Two Gareth Lloyd came second and Mark Eveleigh third; Division Three saw Adrian Abbott finish second.

Special Olympics Wales would like to thank Cllr Janice Charles, and McGrath Catering.

We now return to St Andrews Major Golf Club to prepare for our next competition under the watchful eye of John Hastings.

The golfers would like to take this opportunity

to thank the members and staff of the St Andrews Major Golf Club for the warm welcome they receive at the club every week.

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JS

Lady bowlers are kept busy

ON Tuesday, Llantwit Major Bowls Club's ladies played a one-day competition, The H & J Semmens Trophy.

Everyone had an enjoyable day with Carol Margaret and Julie winning comfortably with seven out of the eight possible points.

On Thursday the Llantwit Major ladies welcomed their old rivals from Cowbridge for a league game. It was a lovely afternoon but disappointing for Llantwit Major ladies.

Ann, Mo, Etta and Gill started off well but lost the lead on the seventh

end and never recovered losing 14-24.

With a deficit of 10 to make up the other two teams worked hard but did not quite make it.

Liz, Margaret, Marilyn and Julie edged into the lead on the fourth end winning 15-11.

Dilys, Eryl, Helen, and Carol struggled until the lucky 13th end going into the lead and keeping it to win 22-18.

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The 12th Lez Rogers Memorial Doubles event is a success



NOW in its 12th year, the Lez Rogers Memorial Doubles took place at RAF Brize Norton over the weekend of July 13-15.

Lez was an Airforce Sergeant and Wales' top ten-pin bowler at the time of his death, aged just 38, and was about to represent Wales at the Commonwealth Championships in Melbourne, Australia when his life was cut short.

Last year was the first time the tournament had been staged at RAF Brize Norton and it was such a success it was decided to put this year's event there again too.

It got off to a sad start due to the untimely death of our scorer and Tenpin Bowling Association of Wales webmaster Brian Burdett the night before the event.

A quiet character who always worked tirelessly behind the scenes to keep the scores and statistics up to date, he will certainly be missed by all the bowlers.

RAF Brize Norton is a 12-lane bowling alley and everyone attending needed a pass to get on to the base, these were duly organised by bowl manager Steve Morgan.

Last year saw 88 entries but a clash with the Air Tattoo in Fairford meant that some were working, resulting in 81 teams.

All teams play six games each and the highest scores plus handicaps are declared the winners. The first squad started at 6pm on the Friday and saw some great scores from Dave Wellsted, which meant



he and son Pip were leading with 2773.

The tournament raises money for the British Heart Foundation from just entries alone and this total plus the money from two raffles over the weekend saw over £600 raised last year.

The Saturday morning squad saw the lead change to local bowlers Dave Chapman and Chris Smith shooting 2822.

A fantastic display from top Welsh lady bowler Louise Roberts saw her narrowly missing the elusive 300 by hitting a 299 in the second squad of the day on lanes one and two.

However, other teams put in a good display with the ex-RAF team of Vets Southerners featuring Kev Hunter and Paul Caddy shooting 2830 to rise above Dave and Chris.

Still the good scores kept coming and Peter Bice, returning after a year's lay-off due to being knocked off his bicycle, shot 1109. Along with his partner Marilyn Codd, they ended up leading on 2865.

These scores were short-lived as Chris Lee

shot a creditable 1300 and, with last year's winner Mike Williams shooting 1135, they found themselves leading with 2897.

Sunday was another hot day in the bowl and although bowlers tried, they could not catch the leaders. They had also previously won this event when it was staged in Rhondda Bowl in 2012.

Mike Williams has won the event three times and Chris Lee has won it an impressive four times, as he won it in 2015 and 2016 along with his father Tony Lee.

Louise Roberts won the High Game Handicap with 325 and High Series Handicap with 814 and her winnings of £50 were kindly donated back to the British Heart Foundation.

Kylie Bromley donated a further £50 to the charity, which brings the total raised to £687.60, almost matching last year's total.

I would like to say a huge thank you to my friend, Sarah MacPherson, who kindly stepped in at the last minute to keep the scoring up to speed - Brian would have been proud of you. Not only that but she was also escorting people both on and off base too.

Lastly thank you to the bowl manager Steve Morgan and deputy Dave Kirby for the running of the bowl and machinery over the weekend and the Station Commander of RAF Brize Norton for agreeing to us running the event there once again.

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Millwood Bowls Club round-up

WEDNESDAY saw Millwood travel to Penarth for the weekly instalment of the Munro Cup.

As was expected we were faced with a rink in good condition and lightning-fast speed and try as we might across all four rinks we were unable to match the home side with their superior knowledge of how to handle the conditions, and sank virtually without trace on all rinks to give the home team all 14 points on offer.

On Saturday the club side travelled to Cardiff to play St Albans in a Division 3 fixture with some importance at the

bottom of the division. All rinks played well but managed at vital times to concede scores which changed the direction of the result and with the honourable exception of Alan Bumford's rink, who scored a 2 on the last end to take victory by one shot and saved the side from a whitewash, as we all know on another day the result could easily have gone our way, St Albans earning 12 points to Millwood's two.

Meanwhile back at Millwood for a Division 6 fixture, Ynysybwl were the visitors and with both sides towards the top of the table there was everything to play for. After a slow start and

being six shots down after five ends, Tony Williams and his rink took control and after 13 ends led 17 shots to 6, easing to a 20 shots to 12 victory.

Geoff Stone and his rink took control of their match from the start and did not look back, running out comfortable winners 21 shots to 8.

Paul Ross and his rink had a struggle with their opponents, never quite managing to get ahead and finally losing 18 shots to 12, but pride of place on the day goes to Derek Gorrington, Keith Davies and Keith Thomas, who overcame their four opponents easily, 23 shots to 12, without being behind all

afternoon.

A quite brilliant effort by the team saw them winning by 76 shots to 50 shots and taking 12 points in the process.

Well done to all concerned, the team are still challenging for promotion.

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Tomy strikes gold!

TOMY JOSHUA (aged seven) from Brynffrwyd, Brynecethin, who attends Brynecethin Primary School, became an under-8s gold medalist at Sophia Gardens on Saturday, July 14 - it was his first-ever gold medal.

On his way to the final he had to beat the reigning Welsh gold medalist and the reigning British champion under-25kg; he also had to beat the boy he had narrowly lost 1-0 to in the previous Welsh competition so it was a tough challenge.

Tomy was fighting on two mats as he was also fighting in the under-10s mixed boys, where he managed to come away with a bronze medal.

Tomy also fought alongside his team-mates and came away with a bronze medal in the under-10s team event.



Tomy is currently part of the Welsh Shotokan organisation WSKO, and trains up to four days a week under the Ystrad Rhondda Shotokan Karate Club under sensei Gerwin Harries - all information of club and instructors can be found on www.wsko.org

Tomy has been

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Old keeper returns to Barry Town

BARRY Town United have announced that former player Lee Kendall has joined the management team as first team goalkeeping coach.

Supporters will remember Kendall's spell between the sticks at Jenner Park, having been signed on loan from Crystal Palace by then-manager Peter Nicholas.

Making his debut in the 2-0 UEFA Cup qualifying round defeat at future Portuguese champions Boavista on August 10, 2000, Kendall was part of some unique trivia that season, playing for Barry against a Cwmbran Town side that fielded his father Mark, the former Tottenham Hotspur shotstopper.

Kendall returns to Barry Town from JD Welsh Premier League champions The New Saints, where he spent six months as goalkeeping coach, while he also brings much experience from his time with the FA, FAW, Sheffield United, Cardiff City, Bristol City and others.

Gavin Chesterfield commented: "I'm pleased to have Kends join the backroom team. I've known him for a long time and seen his quality first hand, he's a significant boost to our already strong coaching staff and I'm looking forward to working with him."

Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for July 23:

1st Linda Pinnock & Marjorie Morris 59.38%, 2nd Sue Norris & Su Summerhayes 56.88%, 3rd Simon & Debbie Richards 55.83%.

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Chess club to hold open evening

THE Barry Chess Club is pleased to announce its first open evening.

The idea is to enable people to see what chess can offer them in a friendly relaxed atmosphere. People of all ages and abilities are welcome to attend as there will be Barry Chess Club members present to assist or compete as required and refreshments can be purchased from the bar.

The evening takes place on Monday, August 6 at Barry West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY between 6.30pm-9.30pm.

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Porthcawl cricketers in seventh heaven - are they going up?

ANOTHER brilliant unbeaten innings of 78 from Porthcawl's junior coach and opener Mark Dixon led the Seaside to their seventh victory in eight matches by six wickets, and, with five matches to play, possible promotion is very much in the thoughts of supporters at Locks Lane.

Had it not been for a dreadful start to the campaign, Jack Tuck's side would now be on the cusp of second division cricket next season, but catch-up victories have taken them into joint third place ahead of this week's crucial showdown with local rivals Margam, the Port Talbot side occupying second spot after a fine run themselves.

Chasing Merthyr's useful total of 187 all out, Dixon and Nick Morgan replied in confident style to add to a number of recent impressive opening partnerships.

Morgan departed for a well-compiled 39, with eight boundaries, highlighting another excellent contribution.

The partnership had reached 87 in just 17 overs to lay the platform for success. While Dixon held firm, alarm bells sounded as Steve Doherty, Billy Frost and Mark Lewis all fell cheaply to give Merthyr hope of only their second victory of the season.

Dixon, however, found a willing ally in skipper Tuck who decided aggression was the best way to success. The pair took the visitors to victory with a superb partnership that saw the Locks Lane side victorious with 14 overs to spare. Tuck, who

promoted himself to number six, where many feel his talents warrant, posted a superb unbeaten 46, with a six and nine fours giving him 42 in boundaries.

However, the star for Porthcawl was again Dixon, who added to his undefeated 83 last week with another magnificent, controlled unbeaten innings of 78, one six and 11 fours the major features.

His season's tally has now risen to 547 runs for an average of 60.78 to put him seventh in the list of top batsmen in all seven divisions of the South Wales Cricket Association.

For Merthyr, the remarkable 73-year-old Welsh international Ron Walton, who was in the England squad for the over-70 Ashes team in the winter, was head and shoulders the most successful bowler taking 3-37 in 10 overs. His son, Mark, the former Cardiff City goalkeeper, mopped up the other wicket for 31 runs.

Earlier, several Merthyr batsmen looked set before perishing, Aled Walters top scoring with 35, while the main support came from Ron and Mark Walton with 33 and 30 respectively. Mark Thomas chipped in with 29 and Julian Axhorn 21, but no one pushed on to a match-winning total.

George Mead, making his return following three weeks of commitments with Glamorgan, was the Seaside's most potent weapon with an impressive return of 4-21 from 7.1 overs and Nick Morgan's off-spinners yielded 3-43 from 10 overs, while 16-year-old seamer Isaac Cronje bowled an excellent eight over spell which returned him admirable figures of 1-18 while Steve Richmond finished with 1-22 and Tuck 1-41.

Merthyr 187 all out, Porthcawl 188-4. Struggling Porthcawl seconds slipped to the bottom spot after another poor batting display which enabled fellow strugglers Maesteg Celtic to triumph by 33 runs at Locks Lane.

With five matches to play, the outlook looks grim for Paul Mason's side who have won just three of their 13 games played so far and they probably require at least three wins from their remaining matches to avoid the drop.

Maesteg made an indifferent start but a superb century partnership between Ellis Bird and Jay Richards turned the game on its head. Bird flew to 60 and Richards 59 enabling the Garth-based side to flag up a competitive total of 164-6 from their 40 overs. Paul Morris also made a useful 20.

For the home side, Stephen Jenkins was the most successful bowler with 2-26 from six overs. Skipper Mason bowled an excellent eight over stint, taking 1-17, while Marc Thompson's eight over allocation earned him 1-25.

First teamer David Lewis, on second team duty due to work commitments, finished with 1-22.

In response, Jenkins and Tim Richards gave the hosts a solid start but, when Richards was dismissed for 16 and Jenkins 27, the innings took a turn for the worse.

Four home batsmen, David Wilson, Lewis, Paul Jones and Steffan Flood, all made 10, but failed to kick on, leaving Mason stranded on 17 not out when Porthcawl were bowled out for 131.

For the Llynfi Valley side, Louis Ciroto took 3-19 while opening bowler Elliot Colston took the vital wickets of Jenkins and Richards, for 24 from his eight overs and Thomas Davies' eight overs were rewarded with 2-25.

There was also a wicket apiece for Lyndon Harris and Chris Hicks.

Porthcawl seconds 131 all out, Maesteg Celtic seconds 164-6.

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Bridgend Sports RFC announces its new sponsor

BRIDGEND Sports RFC are delighted to announce Knights Brown Construction Limited as the main shirt sponsor for the next two seasons.

Knights Brown is a privately owned, regional construction contractor. The deal, running until May 2020, sees the firm's logo on the front of all of the club's shirts from the under-7s to the first XV and, in a nice twist to the deal, both parties celebrate anniversaries in the 2018/2019 rugby season. Bridgend Sports RFC will also engage in Knights Browns charity work by donating kit through the 'Bridges to Prosperity' charity.

Andrew Eilbeck, divisional director of Knights Brown's Wales Division, said: "Knights Brown believes in supporting local communities and our two year agreement to sponsor Bridgend Sports Rugby Club provides an opportunity for us to help young people in the Borough get actively involved in community sport.

"As a local business, we are delighted to mark

our 10th anniversary by sponsoring Bridgend Sports who will also be celebrating their 80th anniversary this year. We wish all the teams the best of luck and look forward to supporting them through the season."

Bridgend Sports chairman Andrew Murphy is very pleased with the deal and said: "On behalf of all players, mini, junior, youth and seniors I would like to thank Andrew and Knights Brown for their support."

As we enter our 80th season, to be able to have over 300 people playing for the club and all wearing the same kit is amazing. There is a positive buzz about the club and a great feel of inclusion from all involved.

"We are a community based club with an ethos based on inclusion. To have a sponsor from the area with local ties who understand and help us to support this is important. Once again, on behalf of all at the club I would like to say thank you."

The new kit will be worn for the first time at the Tondur EVS 7's on July 28.

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Porthcawl Bridge Club - latest results

LATEST results from the club are:

Saturday, June 30 - First - John Cobby & Pat Roper; second Terry Dolan & Pat Haworth. Thursday, July 5 - First - Roger Draper & Rory Gibbons; second (equal) - Maurice & Margaret Harris; Keith Davison & Tony Haworth. Saturday, July 7 - First - Roger Plant & Betty Longley; second - Trish Saunders & Connie Dick.

Thursday, July 12 - First - Connie Dick & Janet Richards; second - Trish Saunders & Sue

Anthony. Saturday, July 14 - First - John Beard & Tony Haworth; second - Dil & Marian Evans. Thursday, July 19 - First - Rob Charlesworth & John Beard; second - Tony Haworth & Chris Rawlings.

The club meets twice a week at the Awel-y-Mor centre on Thursdays, 6.45pm-9.45pm, and on Saturdays, 3pm-6pm - visitors welcome at any time.

To contact the club, call our secretary, Trish, on 01656 785794.

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Penybont FC will get its new stand

PLANS to install a second 250-seater stand at Penybont Football Club have been approved.

The club on Llangewydd Road, Bridgend, wanted to build the stand and a TV gantry as part of its aspirations for promotion to the Welsh Premier League.

The plans were approved at Bridgend County Borough Council's development control committee on July 19.

As part of the conditions, the club must provide a contribution of £8,000 towards painting double yellow lines around the site access, opposite the site access and any other areas deemed necessary "to stop vehicles parking indiscriminately and affecting the free flow of traffic".

A further condition states that no development should start until a scheme of 150 off-street parking spaces, 10 staff parking spaces and a coach parking space has been approved by the council.

Some residents living nearby had raised concerns over the expansion, fearing that existing problems of

"noise and foul language, inconsiderate speeding drivers and parking issues" would be made worse.

The new stand will bring the total number of seats to 509 and will be blue to match the football club's main kit and the existing approved stand.

It will be around 33 metres in length, four metres deep and four metres high.

Officers said the stand will be "substantially screened" by the existing treeline and hedgerow along the boundaries of the site.

The Football Association of Wales requires that all clubs in the Welsh Premier League have a minimum stand capacity of 500 seats and a TV gantry.

In 2016, the club applied for permission to build a 500-seater stadium but reduced the number to half the size as it was unable to meet all the highway safety-related planning conditions at the time.

Planning officers recommended the original conditions were now applied to ensure the increase in users can access the stadium safely.

Councillors voted unanimously in favour of the plans.

Bridgend Bridge Club news

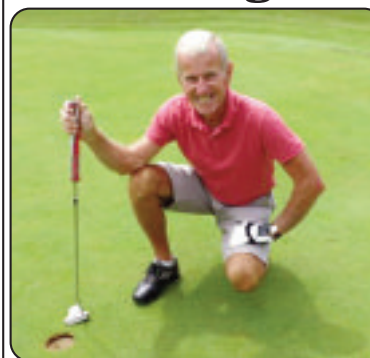
THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

On Wednesday, July 18: First, John Beard and Liam Sheridan;

second, David Bowen and David Crompton; third Rob Forman and Alan Heath. The winners on handicap were John Beard and Liam Sheridan.

On Thursday, July 19: First, Stuart Davies and John Henson; second, Gareth Jenkins and Mike Williams; third, Stewart Norton and Ivor Hicks. The winners on handicap were Stuart Davies and John Henson.

A hole in one for Roger



Roger Hatton finally realised his dream with a hole in one.

ST MARY'S Golf Club senior section played a qualifying Stableford competition off white tees recently.

The field of 37 enjoyed the day and took good advantage of the excellent scoring opportunities from the continued good weather.

The highlight of the round, however, came from Roger Hatton at the 160-yard par three second hole when his faded five iron off the tee found the bottom of the cup!

Roger, of Kennedy Drive, Pencoe, believed his tee shot had actually run on past the hole and

dropped off the back of the green. After a fruitless search, it was left to his playing partner, section captain, Hugh Williams, to find Hatton's ball nestling against the bottom of the pin.

Roger (74), who plays off a handicap of 16 said: "I think every golfer strives to achieve a hole in one and I was elated to finally realise the dream after 24 years of playing golf."

Eddie Fothergill claimed the victory with a net score of 38 points from Roy Denton and Dave Hughes who both carded net 37.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

A course of lessons for beginners has now been completed and participants are playing regularly on a Thursday afternoon. A new course for absolute beginners will start in September - further details will be given shortly.

For further information about the lessons and any other of the club activities please contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968 or David Newman on 01656 649138.

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Tondur to launch womens team

OSPREYS club of the year Tondur RFC are to set up a brand new women's team and are seeking players and coaches aged 18 and above.

All levels of experience are welcome to join our very vibrant and community-spirited club.

The first training session will be held on Thursday, August 2 commencing at 6.45pm at Pandu Park, CF32 9RE.

For further information contact Lisa on 07532 773529 or contact us through Facebook, Instagram and Twitter - Tondur RFC Titans.

Please get in touch if you fancy a new challenge.

MIKE SULLY